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## Dana Reed Wise Wise earns IDEM's chief of staff job

Dana Reed Wise, a woman with almost two decades of environmental experience, has been named the chief of staff for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). Over the past 15 years, Wise has worked for IDEM's Office of Land Quality department, and says she looks forward to expanding her professional career by improving Indiana's environment. Her new duties start immediately.

### Staff and Wire Reports

## Peterson gives free Union Station space for two IPS alternative schools

Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson announced that the City of Indianapolis would give rent-free space in Union Station to the Indianapolis Public Schools to open two new alternative schools. IPS will run both schools "The Education Resource Center and a "sports" academy with support from the Simon Youth Foundation.

The Education Resource Center will provide a self-paced, self-directed learning environment for at-risk high school students. The students will also participate in internship programs and service learning projects. Some of the internships will be at nearby Circle Centre Mall.

After regular school hours, the center may offer GED programs, and "English as a Second Language" and computer technology classes. The Simon Youth Foundation is opening a similar school at Washington Square Mall this August in partnership with the Warren Township School District.

The second school will be a "sports" academy for at-risk middle school students. A yet-to-be-determined local sports entity will work with the school as its sponsor/partner. The school will target attendance, academic achievement and appropriate behaviors. Students will receive mentoring from community role models to develop values, leadership skills and motivation to continue their education.

## Everywoman's Money Conference

State Treasurer Tim Berry is hosting a free conference that will equip women with information they need to make smart financial decisions for themselves and their families.

The first Indiana Everywoman's Money Conference will be held on Aug. 31 at the Indiana Convention Center and via satellite in Fort Wayne.

"Many women who are moving into the workforce again or for the first time, raising families on their own or outliving their husbands, face a void in financial education," Berry noted. "At this historic event, women will be empowered with the know-how to be financially successful."

Bank One, Lincoln Financial Group and SYM Financial Corporation are premiere sponsors of the conference.

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## Cooling the Hot Zone

Local health officials attempt to 'Stamp Out' epidemic

By RONNETTA S. SLAUGHTER  
Staff Writer

The battle against syphilis continues as Indianapolis leaders make strides towards outreach programs and awareness initiatives. The Marion County Health Department (MCHD) hosted a breakfast this week, and made a plea to organizations and residents to join the Stamp Out Syphilis campaign.

In response to Indianapolis' syphilis epidemic, health officials launched the campaign two months ago. So far this year, syphilis rates have climbed to 205 reported cases (January through July). Out of 405 cases last year, Blacks accounted for 94 percent, yet represented only 23 percent of Marion County's population (Census Bureau, 1999). Areas disproportionately affected by syphilis include people living in the following zip codes: 46205, 46208 and 46218.

After audience members reviewed statistical data, City-County Councilman Rozelle Boyd led a discussion highlighting initiatives needed to address the syphilis outbreak. "We are concerned about those in our communities who are suffering needlessly," added Boyd, who presented three questions to participants that focused on community involvement, adult and teen sexual behaviors as well as opin-



ions on improving outreach programs.

As substance abuse and prostitution rates rise in Indianapolis, syphilis has become prominent among individuals participating in drugs and illegal activities. Several audience members suggest that the disease coincides with other negative statistics such as crime and homicide rates, which may contribute to alarming syphilis rates.

Robert Turner, public safety director, recommended more economic opportunities for young adults and children to instill appropriate decision making techniques while providing adequate employment skills. Kids can rise above destructive neighborhoods, he acknowledged, with the right guidance and support to possibly

remove exposure to syphilis and other sexually transmitted diseases (STD).

"Our primary responsibility and mission is the elimination of health disparities," said Anthony Howell, deputy director of the Indiana Minority Health Coalition. While Blacks are dying from preventable diseases, Howell plans to utilize the coalition's telephone hotline to discuss STDs and assist with campaign efforts.

According to Rep. Bill Crawford, D-Indianapolis, "we have to start where we are," and combine efforts to reach people who have contracted syphilis. By establishing street ministries, he says campaign members must bring syphilis information into communities instead of waiting for infected individuals to seek health services.

"We have to increase public (syphilis) awareness and bring in leadership from the communities," admitted Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the MCHD. "Unless we do it together from a comprehensive standpoint, it will be very tough to conquer this disease," she added.

This fall, the MCHD will host several Stamp Out Syphilis community meetings, and campaign organizers urge participation from local residents who are a key ingredient in fighting the syphilis epidemic.

## Probation mentor program expanding

By FREDERICK L. MERKERSON III  
Staff Writer

The idea of taking guns out of the hands of Indianapolis children inspired a local judge and an organization to form a joint intervention program last year.

After 10 Indianapolis youth graduated last week (the fifth group to do so), the Indianapolis Ten Point Coalition and Judge Jane Magnus-Stenson are now planning to expand the program to change and save lives.

Mangus-Stenson, who is the judge of Criminal Court 6 and supervising judge of the probation department, said she noticed years ago three characteristics of teens entering her probation court: they were high school drop outs, abusing drugs or alcohol and lacking meaningful male role models. In 1997 she reached out to local churches and groups to develop a mentoring program to help address these issues. While several churches did participate, her vision didn't reach its full potential until she united with Ten Point.

"I begged these guys to do this and they have stepped up," said Mangus-Stenson, who noted cases of young teens being arrested for possession of a handgun and having their trial passed to adult courts. It's a trend that she and the coalition are trying to end.

"While these kids may have been in trouble with the law, they have talent and ambition. But there is only so much I can do to get through to them. The need for male role models is so great because I know that mentoring works," added Mangus-Stenson.

Nearly 35 young males have already completed the 30-hour mentoring program run by the coalition which looks to not only deter participants from criminal activity, but also provide them with an appreciation of life and what it has to offer.

Volunteers meet with teens twice a week to discuss topics like the introduction of heroes, advance employment and money and family management.

"The skills and knowledge we give these kids will help them survive in today's society," said Rev. Michael Wolley, director of mentoring at Ten



Wolley

## Tech makes 'world class' hiring

By FREDERICK L. MERKERSON III  
Staff writer

For nearly 20 years, James Perkins Jr. has lived an ideal life as an employee for USA Track and Field. He has traveled across the country, achieved worldwide recognition and made an admirable salary.

However, the 48-year-old has always shown dedication to the students of Indianapolis Public Schools, using his job to help provide funding for IPS events and by introducing the city's youth to world class athletes.

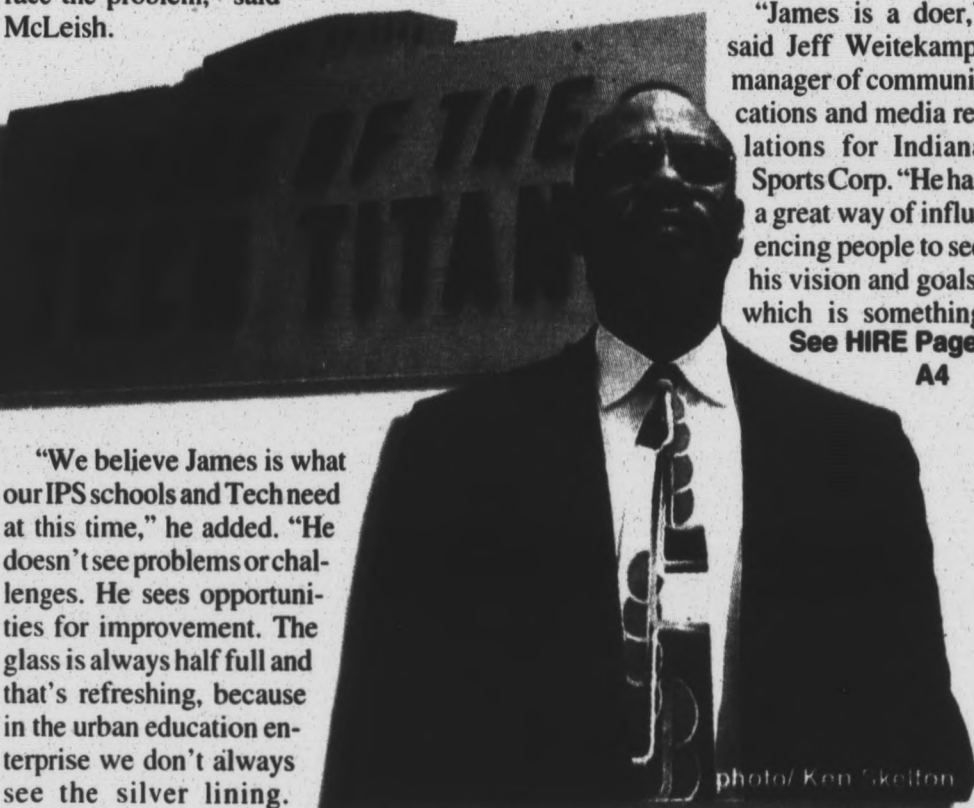
In a mission of faith to save and promote those very children, Perkins walked away from the prestige of USA Track and Field last week as he was named athletic director at Arsenal Technical High School.

"Prestige is determined by what is important to you," said Perkins, who graduated from Tech in 1970. "I've been blessed to direct world class events and work with world class coaches and athletes. But, it's almost as though my life experiences have prepared me for this new challenge."

While Perkins is the first African-American to hold the position at Tech, last week's hiring is actually a return to IPS. He was an educator at Thomas Carr High School from 1975-85, teaching everything from physical education to advanced CPR and first aid. Also serving as the school's coach of women's track and field and cross country, Perkins compiled a won / loss record of 107—26 and produced numerous state champions, all-Americans and coach of the year awards.

According to Tech's principal, James McLeish, running a successful athletic program at an urban school can be difficult due to the lack of resources and social issues.

"We've seen a decline over the past 10 years in funding across the board at IPS, which makes it tough to be competitive against other school districts who don't face the problem," said McLeish.



"James is a doer," said Jeff Weitekamp, manager of communications and media relations for Indiana Sports Corp. "He has a great way of influencing people to see his vision and goals, which is something See HIRE Page A4

"We believe James is what our IPS schools and Tech need at this time," he added. "He doesn't see problems or challenges. He sees opportunities for improvement. The glass is always half full and that's refreshing, because in the urban education enterprise we don't always see the silver lining. James does."

Perkins was previously serving as the Indianapolis-based USA Track & Fields director of commu-

James Perkins Jr. was hired as Arsenal Technical High School's athletic director after 20 years at USA Track and Field. He hopes to make the school's athletic program a national powerhouse.

## GOP appealing to Blacks?

By DR. RON WALTERS  
The Black Press of America

There was something strange about being on the floor of the Republican National Convention on the first night this year. On the one hand you can look out around the convention hall and see that there are relatively few Black delegates in the audience.

But then look to the dais and speaker after speaker are either Black, immigrant of color, Baptist minister, Black gospel choir, Black rap star — you name it. You would think that you were at a Black political convention. It's "diversity night" at the Republican Convention.



Black delegates at the GOP Convention this year constitute 4.1 percent of all delegates, which is larger than the previous convention. In 1996, Black delegates were 2.6 percent, however, in 1992, Black delegates were 4.8 percent of the convention. This convention, then, by comparison has attracted fewer Black delegates than in 1992.

That is an interesting comment on the vaunted pretensions of George W. Bush to promote racial diversity, because one would think that with the control of the delegate selection process in his hands, he would have seen fit to influence the selection of a greater number of Black delegates this year.

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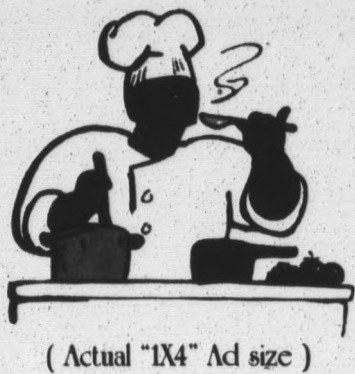
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Bishop James Tyson (left), Pastor of Christ Apostolic Church, conducted the burial service for Bishop Morris Golder, pastor of Grace Apostolic Church. Bishop William Ellis (right) and mourners looked on. (photo/Curtis Guywn)



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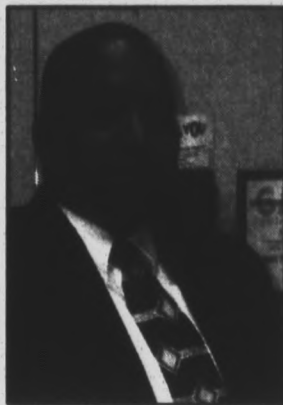
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Point Coalition. "We can turn around their way of thinking by simply proving there are people out there who care about them. We're taking the guns out of their hands and placing their destiny in them."

While Mangus-Stenson said there is no problem finding offenders eligible for the program, she and Wolley said there aren't enough positive men willing to step up and agree to serve as mentors. Organizers hope to increase the number of participants to 30 for the sixth session, which will begin soon.

"If we can find more men willing to prevent these young men from going out and making mistakes that can last a lifetime by giving them attention and providing them with tools that will make them a more productive citizen, we can make a difference. We have and can continue to be a solution to the problems that plague our community," said Wolley.

"Guns and kids just don't go together," said Isaac Randolph Jr., executive director of the Indianapolis Ten Point Coalition. "When one child picks up a gun, their future is mandated. It's a path that ultimately ends to incarceration or death."

Randolph commended the Black community for the ability to rise up against law enforcement or racist groups violating their rights, but added this issue is just as relevant, saying, "The same outrage and anger should be demonstrated when our young people kill each other. We're losing more of our children because of their actions, than the actions of the Klan and police combined."

"As men, we are morally mandated to show these children that there are alternatives to the harmful lifestyle they may be living. If you can't do that as a man then what are you here for?" he added.

For more information on the probation program contact the Ten Point Coalition at 924-0733.

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A 2000 graduate of North Central High School, Aasif was very active at North Central. He was a committee chair for the National Honor Society and a member of the football team. For his high academic excellence, he was awarded the Presidential Academic Excellence Award, the North Central Leadership Award, and Business Student of the Month.

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# IU gives minority women simple health steps

By RONNETTA S. SLAUGHTER  
Staff Writer

A new minority health campaign focuses on women taking simple steps to improve their health. The Pick Your Path to Health project kicked off last month, and key target groups include African Americans, Hispanic and Asian women.

While the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health designed the campaign, this nationwide initiative has already started in five other cities including San Antonio, Pittsburgh and Seattle.

The Indiana University School of Medicine leads local campaign efforts, and disparities among minority women and healthcare will be closely examined. Despite various new technologies and treatment options, Black women still have higher fatality rates than white women for diseases such as breast cancer and heart attacks.

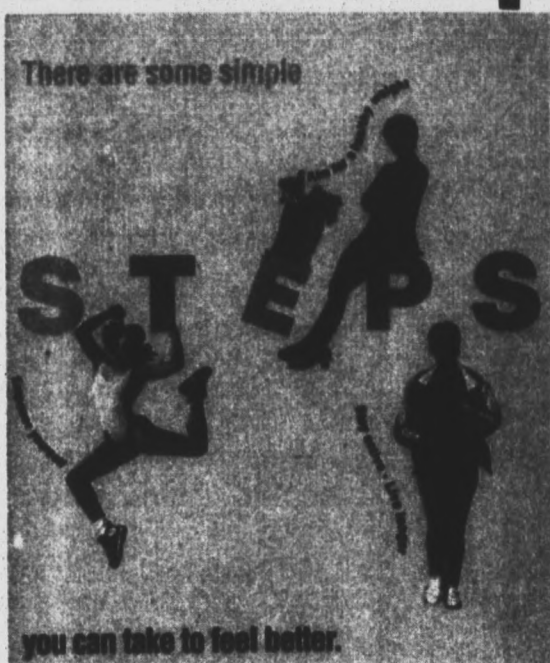
A comprehensive pocket planner outlines weekly overall well being steps including getting tested for sexually transmitted

diseases and quitting smoking. The calendar offers notebook space for women to remember doctor's appointments and individual healthcare goals. Women can also track weight loss as motivation messages encourage activities such as individual empowerment through improved health which promotes healthy families.

"This is not some type of experimental program," said Amber Kleopfer, public and media relations department of IU's School of Medicine. "(The planners) are nice pieces to give as monthly supplements to monitor health," she added, recognizing the importance of tracking blood pressure and medications in a convenient calendar.

Indianapolis residents helped create the local pocket planner, and evaluated color schemes and designs to appeal to women from diverse backgrounds. The planner and campaign posters are available in English and Spanish.

As women adapt to healthier lifestyles, the campaign uses recipes to accommodate diverse cooking and taste preferences. Each recipe takes a popular food item and lowers fat, cholesterol and calo-



health conscious decisions, inclusion with the campaign broadens Heart & Soul's reach and effectiveness within Black healthcare, focusing on mind, body and soul.

IU has applied for a grant which would establish church programs for minority women, particularly Black congregations, and link such religious organizations to monthly campaign projects. While passing out health pamphlets and coordinat-

ing low-fat lunches, campaign officials want Black church involvement to encourage women to adapt healthier lifestyles.

Although life expectancy rates have increased, minority women's health continues to raise concern due to health disparities among ethnic groups. "Last November, the Office of Women's Health recognized discrepancies between health for minority women and health for all other women," said Pamela

Perry, of IU's public and media relations department.

By observing statistics, health officials recognized a lack of a heightened awareness about minority health and created Pick Your Path to Health. According to Perry, the campaign suggests that minority women commit to lifestyle changes to decrease health complications.

Pick Your Path to Health has received support from local groups including the Marion County Health Department, Kroger and Indiana Black Expo's Minority Health Fair. The campaign hopes minority women take time to utilize health resources and make steps toward healthier lifestyles.

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that is going to benefit any organization."

A handler of million dollar budgets, Perkins will now be responsible for locating funds for and promoting Tech's 18-sport athletic program as well as developing its athletes, which is often difficult for urban schools. He added that he will instill a winning attitude, which will not only be seen on the playing field and in the classroom, but also by national onlookers.

"We want to infect and affect as many children as we can get our hands on," Perkins said. There are currently 2,300 students enrolled at the school. "In three to five years this will be a model program for the city, state and country to point to in terms of how urban sports programs should be managed."

"Our good athletes will be very

good students who will become very good citizens in life. Education will still come first," he added.

"We're absolutely delighted to have him back with IPS," said Duncan "Pat" Pritchett, IPS superintendent. "I'm sure that what is going to happen is he's going to take the athletic program at Tech to a higher notch. He's a positive asset for us."

"This is probably one of the more exciting and new things that can happen to the IPS athletic program," said Joseph Wynn director of the city's Department of Parks and Recreation. "It offers a great opportunity for productive partnerships to be established. It's a win-win situation, not only for IPS, athletes and students, but for the city."

On the eve of the biggest stage

of USA Track and Field, the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, timing could not have been more enigmatic for Perkins, whose love for the sports is plainly apparent, as is his loyalty to IPS and its students. They were motivation enough to leave a position and prestige gained in large part to his presence.

Confident of his abilities, Perkins added he is "new at this thing" but, he and his supporters feel that his vision will indeed become Tech's reality.

"I've never really ever left these kids," he said. "I love the situation, the challenge and the opportunity to try and help students do their best, and I don't know anywhere else where I can be as effective. At the end of the day, the school, city and state will be proud of what we've done here."

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## GOP

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In past years, one could sense the distinctly low morale when the Black caucus met as the number of Black journalists far outnumbered Black delegates. The major white leaders would be largely absent, their schedules too filled to spend much time with a small, powerless group.

In 1996, however, when Jack Kemp came to the Black caucus session, one would have thought that the Messiah had arrived, because he was so wildly received. Still, there was a deep seeded hopelessness, despite the fact that one could hear the dictum repeated that Blacks should be in both parties.

This year, the small number of Black delegates belies the strong optimism that is felt by high ranking Black Republican officials who are keenly aware that George W. Bush is leading in the polls and that they are being courted because of a political role, not necessarily based on their numbers.

This was reflected in an interview with Kenneth Blackwell, the Black Republican secretary of state of Ohio who has consistently won elections with strong support from Black voters, reaching 40 percent in his last election. He said that respect for any group began with respect for the individual and therefore, he has focused on public policies that effectively empowered the

individual, because in statewide office, whether Black or white, it was very difficult to implement a racial version of public policy.

Blackwell cited welfare reform and the time when he and Jack Kemp came upon a woman who had been prosecuted for welfare fraud, who had worked odd jobs to make ends meet, saved \$3,700 in a bank account and invested that money in her children's education.

However, when she correctly put this information onto a federal form, admitting that she made more than the \$1,100 allowed, she was prosecuted. That incident led to his opposition to welfare as it was then implemented and to Jack Kemp's (former Secretary of HUD and Republican vice presidential nominee in 1996) notion that one must find a way to support public policies that were not against bedrock capitalist notions of saving, investment — wealth creation strategies that were good for wealthy Americans.

Blackwell, then, came to the convention, admitting that there were still "wrinkles" in the welfare system, but proud of his party's accomplishment in this respect.

This feeling of heightened morale was supported by Joe Rogers, the Black Republican lieutenant governor of the state of Colorado, another moderate, elected in 1998, who carried 50 percent of the Black vote in his run for Congress in 1996. Rogers noted that although

there were few Blacks at the convention, comparatively speaking, the base of the Black support in their jurisdictions was very often very strong, but that this fact was not carried by the media.

He also felt that this often strong support for Republican policies was the base upon which Black Republican elected officials could push for greater change within the party structure at both the state and national level, as Black Democrats have done. Yet, when pressed to explain the idea of change, the objective appeared to be more support for Black elected officials and their roles within the local and national party structure, rather than in strong substantive changes in policy direction.

So, the heightened optimism is there, perhaps a creature of the projection of Blacks and other peoples of color at this convention. This is something the Republican Party has never done and it begs the question why. It appears that, Ohio and Colorado notwithstanding, there are emerging signs of a Black political strategy within the Republican Party.

One element of this will be to shore up Black candidates to get out the vote in the South, by supporting Black candidates running against Black Democrats. This may be why the candidacies appeared in the first place like: Jennifer Carroll, in Florida's Congressional District 3, opposing Rep. Carrie

Meek; Dylan Glenn is running in the 2nd District of Georgia against Rep. Sanford Bishop; and Marvin Scott is a candidate in Indiana's 10th District, now held by Julia Carson. And while there is another Black Republican candidate running, those being show cased at the convention and strongly supported are in the Southern districts.

Therefore, the heightened attention to people of color at the convention, causing the sense of optimism among Blacks, may be the making of a Southern strategy that is designed to cut into the lead of the Democratic Party among Blacks especially in the South.

To operationalize this strategy, Republicans may have studied what has made white Democratic leadership so highly successful. Bill Clinton has so perfected the symbolic political appeal to Blacks that he was called the "first Black president." Al Gore has also used it, thundering into the recent NAACP convention saying, "I am one of you" (inferring that George W. Bush was not) and touting the fact that he is a card-carrying member of the organization and in that role, he was, "coming home."

So far all of this attention to Blacks has caused an "optimism bounce" among Blacks at the Re-

## BRIEFS

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Other sponsors include Merrill Lynch, Community Bankers Association of Indiana, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, American United Life Insurance Company, Indianapolis Woman and indywomenconnect.com.

### Last living founder of national sorority passes at the age of 100 in Indy

Founder and charter member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., which started at Butler University in 1922 died last week at the age of 100. Among her many accomplishments as an educator in the Indianapolis community, Mrs. Vivian White Marbury served as the principal at George Washington Carver School #87 for 39 years and also taught at IPS #26 for nine years.

### DOC's to hold reunion

DOC's beauty supply will present its 7th annual School #41 reunion on August 12. The reunion, which will be held at the Bertha Ross Park will begin at 3 p.m. Vending booths are

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### Cuomo says cuts would mean less housing for senior citizens

Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo has urged Congress not to cut the proposed HUD budget because it would limit the number of new units of housing and supportive services available for the elderly. Cuomo was joined in making the announcement by Cong. Ed Towns as both men toured a HUD-funded senior citizen facility in Brooklyn.

President Clinton proposed a fiscal year 2001 HUD budget that would increase elderly housing programs by \$69 million to \$779 million. The House has voted to freeze funding for elderly programs at \$710 million, the funding for the current fiscal year. The Senate has yet to act on HUD's budget for next year.

The "Housing Security Plan for Older Americans," announced by Vice President Gore in January 1999, is HUD's aggressive plan for meeting the challenge of housing the nation's seniors. The FY 2000 budget included major elements of the Plan so HUD could begin to offer a fuller range of options for the elderly by combining new and existing HUD programs and improving coordination with other Federal assistance. In the FY2001 budget, HUD proposes to build on FY 2000 with additional resources for new construction and conversion of existing developments to assisted living facilities.

O'Bannon appeals injunction barring monument from Statehouse lawn

Governor Frank O'Bannon has asked the state attorney general's office to appeal a preliminary injunction that was handed down last week in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis.

"I think it makes sense to get this case before the 7th Circuit as well. That way we will get guidance from the Court of Appeals that may help resolve this case," said O'Bannon.

"We will argue that, in the context of all the historical monuments on the Statehouse grounds, the proposed monument would not amount to governmental establishment of religion," he added. "Instead, the monument would display the text of several historic documents that show some of the basic principles of law on which our system of government was founded."

### Experts: More diabetes tests needed

The statistic is dismal: Americans too often have the most common form of diabetes silently festering for up to 12 years before they're diagnosed.

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Worse, half of diagnosed patients don't have their diabetes controlled well enough to stop that early damage from worsening. And experts estimate hundreds of thousands skip a test they're supposed to take every few months that's crucial for improving therapy.

But doctors aren't doing a good enough job, says a new government call for more aggressive diabetes screening and care - a call that urges at-risk Americans to demand their physicians check them.

The NDEP's new call to action, published recently in the Journal of the American Medical Association, is important because too many people don't realize how serious diabetes is.

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National News

**New BlackPressUSA.com site gives Black voice more power**

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — National Newspaper Publisher Association leadership is very excited about the July 31 launch of its new Web site providing 2000 presidential election coverage and analysis.

For NNPA's 15 million weekly readers, the site will be a boost to understanding and responding to issues addressed by national candidates as developments occur.

"This site will allow the Black press to be more responsive than ever to events shaping a national presidential election and in highlighting issues of concern to the Black community in that arena," said NNPA President John J. Oliver Jr.

"We will represent the only all-Black voice analyzing the national conventions for more than 15 million African-American readers," said NNPA Executive Director Ben Jealous.

Xchange Interactive, a Web design and programming company, co-owned by Joy Bramble, publisher of The Baltimore Times, has agreed to build a special site to facilitate daily Black press coverage of the 2000 Republican and Democratic national conventions.

The site, BlackPressUSA.com, will be linked to the Web site of every NNPA newspaper that publishes an online edition. Together, these sites receive well over 3 million hits per month.

This special convention coverage site will feature:

- Daily dispatches and analysis by Dr. Ronald Walters (founder of the National Coalition of Black Political Scientists and chairman of the African-American Leadership Institute at the University of Maryland).
- Articles from NNPA member newspapers covering the conventions.
- Up-to-the-minute analysis by young political pundits.
- A special report on Blacks and the electoral process prepared by the NNPA Foundation's NorthStar project.
- Links to other important Black political sites.

**Congressional salary increases raise concern**

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—As Congress voted to give itself cost-of-living raises, some concern was noted regarding the availability of funds for congressional wage increases and the controversy surrounding Congress' inability to raise the minimum wage for all Americans.

In a quiet July 20 vote, Congress gave itself a \$3,800 per year raise for next year. Members of Congress now earn yearly salaries of \$141,300. The vote was 250 to 173.

U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., a long-standing voice for the American working family, has consistently raised his voice in congressional chambers regarding the seeming hypocrisy in Congress not supporting an adequate minimum wage while voting annual wage increases for itself.

The current minimum wage is \$5.25 and yields some \$11,000 per year before taxes.

**Legislators announce community policy weekend**

Special to The Recorder

On Sept. 8-9, the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus will host its annual weekend conference, at the Omega Conference Center, 3110 Sutherland Ave., to discuss existing policy and investigate the creation of new legislation.

The purpose of the weekend is to offer the delegates of community-based groups an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of how the legislative process operates.

The theme this year is "You can-

not lead where you will not go, you cannot teach what you do not know." The workshops within the conference will examine the global dynamics of community and self-empowerment through public policy.

Topics of the weekend will include: Economic development; self sufficiency in the 21st century; Education in a global environment; Civil and criminal law, global equality of fairness; Health; Labor and employment; Religion and spiritual initiatives; Global senior issues; Telecommunications and

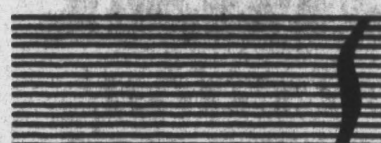
utility reform; Youth.

"It is our aim to mobilize the community to take a larger role in the legislative process. We fully intend to educate, inform and organize our community statewide around specific recommendations that will come from this weekend," said Indiana Black Legislative Caucus Chairman Charlie Brown.

For more information about the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus Legislative Weekend, or to register a delegate, call (317) 232-9646.

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# EDITORIAL

## A call to action!

By Carolene Mays  
President, General Manager

Virginia Caine, M.D., director of Marion County Health Department (MCHD) incredibly pulled together close to 100 Black leaders this week, to discuss the growing epidemic of syphilis in Marion County. The influential list consisted of politicians from the Indiana Senate, Legislative Black Caucus, City-County Council and Center Township Trustee; representatives from Congresswoman Julia Carson's office, Governor Frank O'Bannon's office, and all the Black high level appointees from Mayor Bart Peterson's office; Judges; representatives and officials from the health profession; business leaders; media executives; and neighborhood representatives. The list was extensive and impressive.

This group is one of the first being called to action, to combat the increase of syphilis cases in Marion Co., especially in the Black community.

The statistics are staggering. In 1997 there were 70 primary and secondary cases of syphilis reported, placing Marion Co. 19th in the nation. In 1998 Marion Co. had the 7th highest number of cases reported, with 161. That year Baltimore, MD., Chicago, IL. and Memphis, TN. topped the list. Case numbers soared in 1999 to 407, almost tripling the previous year's rate, taking us undesirably into the top three. With 205 cases already noted this year (as of July 24th), when the new numbers come out, Dr. Caine reports Marion Co. could very well be number one.

Sadly in the African American community the problem is magnified. African Americans make up only 23 percent of the Marion Co. population, but disproportionately make up 94 percent of the syphilis cases. According to Dr. Caine that is 44 times the rate of our white counterparts.

Equally alarming is the trend with our youth. Reported cases of syphilis in our young people ages 14 to 19, has increased from 10 percent to 18 percent, in 1999. The MCHD speculates this increase is due to older males having sex with younger females, because they feel it reduces the chance of HIV infection.

The trends are frightening. There seems to be a direct correlation between high numbers of illegal narcotics and prostitution arrests, in relation to increased syphilis rates. Illegal narcotics arrests took a dramatic rise in 1998 and continued rising in 1999, as did the syphilis cases. According to the Indianapolis Police Department there is a high concentration of drug arrest incidences in the 46205, 46208, 46218 and 46226 zip codes. These are the areas that constitute the majority of syphilis case counts. But this is not only an inner city or drug user problem.

Cases are being reported all over the Indianapolis-Marion Co. area, by people in all walks of life and by people of varying ages. Recently there was a reported case of a 90 year-old. It is estimated that there are also still a large number of unreported cases.

This sexually transmitted disease (STD) is a highly infectious bacteria, with a 30 percent transmission rate for one sexual act.

The first sign is a lesion or chancre (open sore) which appears wherever the germ enters — genital area, mouth, or butt. This primary stage occurs approximately 10 to 90 days after initial sexual contact with the infected person. It is usually painless and will heal completely, but the syphilis infection is still active.

The secondary stage includes the possibility of several symptoms including a rash on the hands or feet; hair loss; swollen glands; or flat gray moist wart-like growths. These symptoms which can appear up to six months after initial infection also can disappear without treatment.

The last (latent) stage has no symptoms, which does not mean the infection is gone. Treatment is necessary to cure syphilis.

Treatment — a penicillin injection or specific alternative antibiotics — is simple, but not always sought. For some, symptoms are not recognizable. For others, they are ignored. Drug abusers are hard to reach and teach. So what is being done to reduce the occurrence of this disease?

State Senator Billie Breaux who also serves as the Stamp Out Syphilis (SOS) Coalition co-chair disclosed the "10 Point Plan for Syphilis Elimination":

1. Address links between syphilis transmission to HIV, substance abuse, crime and prostitution. Breaux noted that after a rise in syphilis cases, within two to three years there is normally a rise in HIV cases; 2. Partner with the Mayor to increase substance abuse prevention and treatment services; 3. Increase screening/diagnostic tests in the Marion County Jail; 4. Support new STD services at specific locations and clinics; 5. Maintain and expand public awareness efforts; 6. Encourage community input and efforts; 7. Maintain and expand surveillance efforts; 8. Organize and deploy the Rapid Outbreak Response Team when an increase in syphilis is detected.

The last two points — 9 and 10 — were left open for solutions and answers from the group on how to eliminate the epidemic. City-County Councilman Rozelle Boyd led the discussion by focusing on three key areas: Substance abuse and high risk sexual behavior; community involvement; and identifying community assets and partners to combat the outbreak.

The feedback was enlightening and encouraging. There was a suggestion to focus on after-school programs, as teen sexual activity is highest between 4:00pm and 7:00pm. Several suggestions were to increase awareness through youth forums, parental education, and making information available through churches, parks, and neighborhoods.

A lot of the discussion focused on the criminal justice system. There seemed to be a consensus for testing of detainees, parolees and probationers. There was a request for the City-County Council to pass an ordinance for mandatory testing of arrestees.

Addressing poverty and creating economic opportunity were other key issues.

Overwhelmingly the need for outreach and involvement was echoed. The group pledged support and involvement.

The Indianapolis Recorder is addressing the syphilis epidemic aggressively, with articles almost on a weekly basis, to raise awareness and educate. We will list forums and testing locations. We are hosting monthly interviews on R.O.A.R. regarding syphilis. This week's show will feature Dr. Caine and a member of the SOS Coalition.

As Dr. Caine stated, "We must work together to work out a solution." You can help too. Send your suggestion to *The Recorder*. We've all been called to action.

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## Readers react to Black Expo column

My column on Indiana Black Expo (Recorder July 21) was the talk of our community, from barbershop, beauty salon to corporate boardroom. My newspaper and broadcasting co-workers thought community reaction to the column would be negative.

But, they and my editors at The Recorder were surprised at the overwhelmingly positive reaction to my urging immediate reforms and changes at Indiana Black Expo, an institution our community wants to continue to support.

To date, the Recorder has received only one negative letter on the column. My e-mails and calls are overwhelmingly positive. A sampling:

A former Indy resident: "A friend forwarded me your commentary on this year's Black Expo. I feared that IBE was slipping in the direction you've described and I hope they take your words to heart and stop the madness."

One reader must beg his family to attend: "I used to have family and friends visit here annually (for Expo), now I have to beg them to attend. Add some more meaningful events and look to your 'mature' crowd, we spend the money not our children."

Another echoes the views of many I've spoken to: "Well, someone finally wrote what we've all been thinking and privately saying for years: That there needs to be some changes made at Indiana Black Expo. So many of us have grown tired of Expo's consistent mediocrity and unfulfilled promises. We want an Expo that earns our respect."

### Just Tellin' It

By AMOS BROWN



From another reader: "It baffles me how Expo can cry 'racism' when a company or an individual doesn't agree to support them on their terms. People and businesses alike should support Expo because it's an organization they believe in, not because they feel guilty into it."

An Indianapolis religious leader wrote: "You expressed for us what so many want to say and cannot, will not, or just refuse to be open and honest for fear that someone will retaliate after the truth is spoken. I pray Expo will restructure its entire board, office management and 'dream team.' Wouldn't it be a disgrace to let Expo continue to lose ground and no longer exist? I can see it heading in that direction."

The only reader who disagreed said in part: "You know I think that it is a shame how you down talk to Indiana Black Expo. I am only 20 years of age and I think that they did a better job this year than ever. If you are so unsatisfied with how Expo went this year then you should get off of your hypocrite (expletive) and do something for the community yourself."

OK, I will!

Indiana Black Expo can begin to restore credibility and trust with

our community by being honest about their attendance figures. Last week, Black Expo officials told The Recorder that "300,000 people from across the nation attended Summer Celebration 2000." Meanwhile, Expo's VP/Corporate Affairs Marsha Bennett wrote corporate sponsors saying Expo's attendance was "some 500,000 people from all over the world."

Neither figure, 300,000 nor 500,000 is accurate, credible or believable. Sources tell me Expo's actual paid Convention Center attendance was down from 1999. That makes four straight years paid attendance at Indiana Black Expo's main events was flat or down. Black Expo refuses to admit that people aren't attending like they used to! So, they distribute inflated, wildly inaccurate attendance numbers.

If Black Expo's free concert attracted 100,000 (a figure far higher than police estimates); If Expo's Conseco Fieldhouse concerts were sellouts (they weren't) and including the sold out UniverSoul Circus performances, Black Expo's attendance would be 200,000 to 215,000. I say the real figures are closer to 150,000 to 155,000. Nowhere near 300,000 or 500,000!

Contrast Black Expo's lack of candor with the honesty and forthrightness of the Indy Jazz Fest.

After a successful first year, the Indy Jazz Fest had a major setback this year because heavy rains on the Jazz and Roots Fair's first day reduced attendance 10 to 15 thousand. Though insurance covers some of the loss, the Jazz Fest took

a major financial bath.

Instead of excuses, or covering up, Jazz Fest officials were open and honest with the community. Less than a month after the event, they gave sponsors, volunteers and the media their actual attendance figures, outlined the financial shortfall and explained how they plan to assure the Jazz Fest's future fiscal and artistic health.

Indy Jazz Fest's action increases their credibility with the corporate community and potential sponsors. While Black Expo's haughty attitude and credibility gap decreases their trustworthiness with corporations and sponsors.

To encourage credibility at Black Expo, I'm prepared to back up my opinions with cash! If Black Expo can document that Summer Celebration 2000's attendance in Indianapolis was either 300,000 or 500,000, I'll donate \$300 to Expo's scholarship fund. If I'm right and that wasn't Expo's attendance, they give \$300 to the United Negro College Fund.

The proof — notarized statements, box office receipts and ticket settlements from the Indiana State Police (free concert), Conseco Fieldhouse, TicketMaster, Kroger and the Convention Center must be sent to the Recorder.

It's time Black Expo restores its credibility and honesty with our community. Providing accurate attendance figures is a first step.

### What I'm hearing in the streets

Our community lost two more lions of our African-American community, Bishop Morris Golder the "Preacher of Preachers" at Grace Apostolic Church and businessman Lannie H. Smith. Bishop Golder was eloquently remembered in last week's Recorder, so let me remember Lannie Smith.

During the 1970s and 1980s, his L.H. Smith Oil Co. was Indianapolis' leading Black-owned business. Hailed as a business visionary, Smith's company was listed in the Black Enterprise 100. He served on the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce board and the boards of other civic organizations.

Lannie H. Smith made his mark as one of our community's business visionaries who paved the way for the many successful Black entrepreneurs in Indianapolis today. My deepest sympathies to his family and friends. He shall be missed.

See 'ya next week!

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## Curse of bad cops isn't just racism

WASHINGTON — Just in time to add a special embarrassment to the Republican National Convention, which convened there July 31, Philadelphia's police department staged an exasperating exercise in stupid brutality.

A videotaped recording of several cops beating and kicking a helpless suspect, Thomas Jones, at the end of a chase in which Jones drove off in a police car, created fears that the City of Brotherly Love might turn out to be as bad as it used to be, and surely not as good as it has promised to be, and thus has failed to do justice to its great political audience.

It seems that neither politicians nor city flacks know what to say or do when goonish cops, Black and white, are equally guilty of violating the fundamental rules of police conduct.

This current Philadelphia case shows that police brutality knows no bounds of race. Faced with a Black suspect who had embarrassed the force, Black cops were as quick to resort to extracurricular and illegal punishment as were white cops. And in this kind of case, Black cops were as quick to lie to protect the "thin blue line" as were white cops.

Sadly, most Black cops know better than white cops how hopelessly vulnerable to abuse Black citizens are, so in a case such as the one in Philadelphia, Black cops might have led internal cries to "Just ride out the storm."

A standard tactic is to get Blacks to lead a campaign to prove that the suspect was "a really bad guy," as though his previous record or his offenses in this case at issue stripped him of all personal rights and constitutional protections.

### The Rowan Report

By CARL ROWAN



The need is manifest in every American city for greater trust and cooperation between law-enforcement agencies and the people — especially minority communities. But such cooperation becomes impossible when the people see

that even Black cops behave like monsters at the slightest provocation or excuse.

We have had so many stories recently of horrible, racist cops that some people want to

think that the ultimate in a "bad cop" is a white officer who hates minorities. However, some of the worst cops are Black officers who are power-mad freaks who might even hate themselves. They like to show that they can brutalize helpless Black citizens just as imaginatively as any white cop can.

Whatever the case, Philadelphia ought not look for reasons to cover up or explain away the embarrassing videotape. It is pretty clear which cop struck Jones how many times, and who is most flagrantly guilty of awful police behavior. The city ought to simply lower the boom on the worst police offenders, Black or white.





# Is Cheney Bush's idea of inclusion?

Within moments after George W. Bush picked hardline conservative Dick Cheney to be his Republican running mate, Al Gore beat a hot path to Jesse Jackson's Operation headquarters in Chicago. He warned the mostly Black gathering that Bush's much repeated vow to get more minorities in the GOP was nothing but a smoke and mirrors ploy to deceive Blacks and Latinos.

This was easy for Gore to say. Cheney's congressional scorecard includes opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment, tough gun control laws, busing to achieve racial desegregation, federal funding for abortions, child nutrition programs, and a separate education department.

His knee jerk conservative voting record was a made in heaven chance for Gore to brand Bush a political fraud when he claims that he wants greater minority inclusion.

But if Bush blew his chance with Cheney to break the iron grip that the Democrats have on Black and Latino voters he has no one but himself to blame.

In the days before he picked him there were some signs that the Democratic grip on Black and Latino voters was slipping. Following the March 7 Super Tuesday election primaries exit polls in California showed that Bush had pared the traditional colossal bulge in Democratic support among Latinos down to a 2 to 1 margin.

Overall 15 percent of the Blacks, nearly 30 percent of Latinos and more than 40 percent of Asians voted for Bush-McCain.

The Republicans were also heartened by the whopping margins in which Latino, Black and Asian voters supported the anti-gay ballot initiative that limits marriage to a man and woman, and gave near majority support to another conservative powered initia-

## The Crisis in Black and Black

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson



tive that mandates tougher sentences for violent juvenile offenders.

In Texas and Florida, Bush, and his brother Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, fondly brag that they bagged about half of the Latino vote and one-third of the Black vote in winning office.

The substantial support Blacks gave Bush, at least in Texas, also shattered the myth that Blacks are cradle-to-grave reflexive party-line Democrats. A sizable percentage of Blacks are pro-life, pro-school prayer, anti-gun control and anti-welfare.

Many also enthusiastically support school vouchers, three-strikes laws, stiffer sentences for crime, and drug use and oppose abortion and gay rights.

The National Urban League's recent annual State of Black America report confirms that Blacks, like many whites, have benefited from the boom times.

They are better educated, own more homes, have made impressive gains in the corporations and the professions. Democrats see this as a plus for them. They bank heavily that they won't risk rocking the boat by voting for Bush.

But that same prosperity and political comfort can be a double-edged sword for the Democrats. Many Blacks and Latinos now feel that they have a stronger stake in the system. Republican's try to play to that feeling by pitching to Blacks and Latinos that their proposals for

school vouchers, bigger tax credits and cuts, and more aid to small business are the best way for them to accelerate their upward social and economic climb.

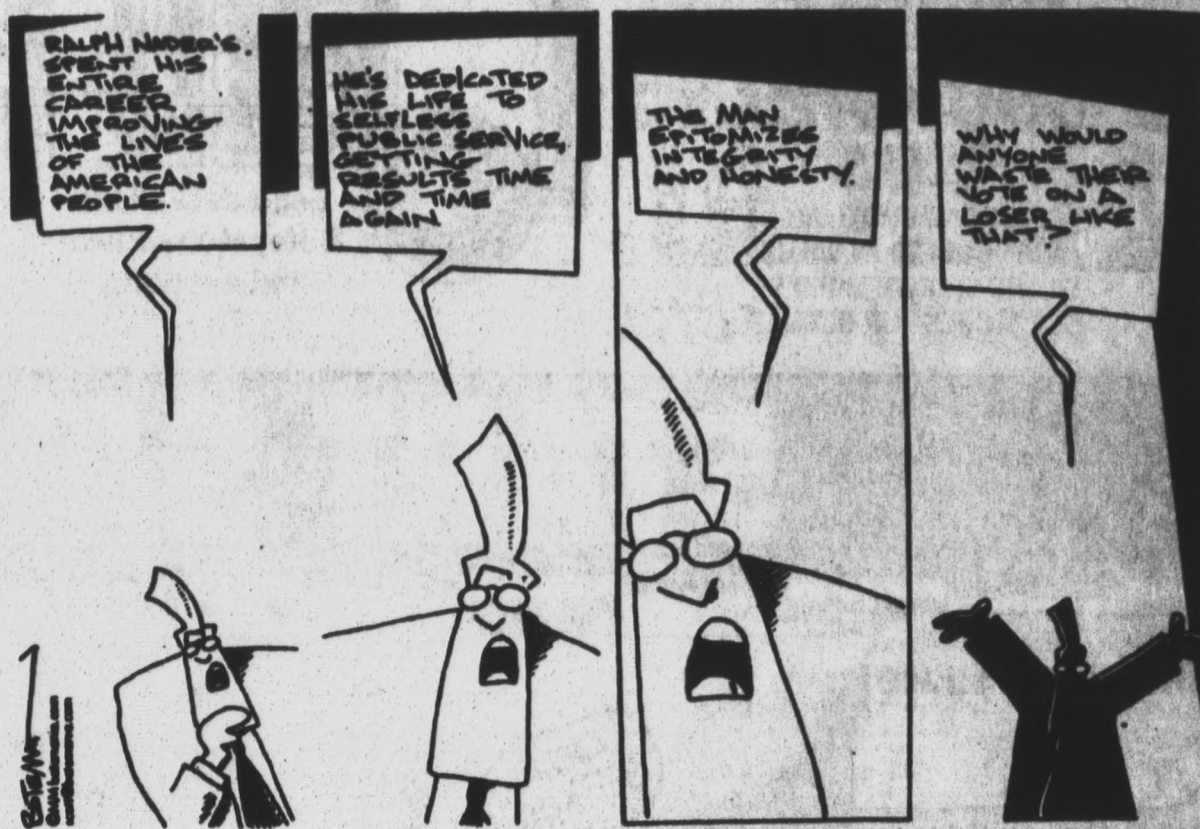
But prosperity, relative racial peace, and the social and the increasingly political conservatism of many Blacks and Latinos is not enough to cause them to make a headlong dash into the Bush camp. He would have to do much more than dole out the few paltry dollars the Republicans have on ad campaigns to attract more Latinos. And he would certainly have to do much more than utter the kind of stock, warmed over platitudes about diversity that he did at the recent NAACP convention.

He would have to pledge to make political appointments in his administration that reflect the diversity of America and to confront such hot button issues as immigration reform, racial profiling, the death penalty, the grotesque racial disparities in the prison and criminal justice system, a disastrous drug policy, support massive funding increases for health care and education and greater protections for Social Security.

The Cheney pick, however, makes a mockery of Bush's dangled hints that he would do any of these things. It also gives no reason to think that Bush will do anything to make over the GOP from a clubby, party of ole' conservative white guys into a party of gender and racial inclusion.

In fact, a poll released the same day that Bush picked Cheney showed that Black and Latino support is still rock solid for Gore. No wonder that Gore gloated, "See 'I told you so,' about Bush to Jackson's group.

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## Public health officials reaching out to Black gays

By KAI WRIGHT  
Special to the NNPA

DURBAN, South Africa — Darnell Anderson and his wife meet every Sunday. They haven't lived together for 10 years, but they're still close friends.

Before they got married, Anderson, 45, had considered himself gay. From the time he was 18 years old, he lived what he describes as a "very gay sort of San Francisco, early '80s lifestyle." But then he fell in love with his female friend and got married. They stayed together for three years, and then decided to separate, but not divorce. Since then, he has rejected what he describes as the "gay label."

"It really depends on the context I'm in," Anderson explains. "If I'm at work, with mainly white gay men, I'm gay. But myself, I don't consider myself to be 'gay.' I sleep with whoever I sleep with."

Anderson's perspective is not unusual. Many Black men who have romantic and sexual relationships with other men do not embrace a gay identity. Some feel that identity is too closely associated with white men, and prefer terms such as "same-gender-loving" or "in the life" to describe themselves. Others believe that because they only engage in certain sex acts and gender roles with other men — those typically associated with the male in heterosexual relationships — they are not actually homosexual.

Still, others are merely closeted, hiding their homosexuality because of fear of stigma and discrimination in the community.

This complicated web of sexual identities creates a rocky terrain for those working in HIV prevention. How can public health officials reach men who are having sex with other men, and provide information on how to have safe sex, if those men do not identify themselves as such? Are the sorts of public education campaigns that already exist for gay men in general appropriate and effective for Black men?

These are the questions over 70 people from around the world gathered to discuss last month at the XIII International AIDS Conference in Durban.

The answers may be crucial to stemming the tide of HIV. Black and Latino men account for a combined 51 percent of AIDS cases among "men who have sex with men" — the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's term for gay and bisexual men. Black men account for 33 percent of the cases in that category, and 40 percent of new reports of HIV — the virus that causes AIDS — among men who have sex with men.

And a 1999 CDC study of men having sex with men between the ages of 15 and 22 in seven cities found that Black gay youth are almost five times as likely as their white counterparts to be HIV positive. So despite the popular connection of "gay" with white men, Black men are the ones getting infected in droves.

The CDC has declared Black gay men, along with Black women, among the most threatened groups in today's epidemic, both in society at large and within the African-American community.

Thus, reaching these men with safe sex education is crucial to stopping AIDS. But, as Anderson's experience reflects, Black gay men can be among the most difficult to reach.

And recent research hints that their invisibility is at least partially related to the disproportionate rates of infection among them. Two recent CDC studies, for instance, found that significantly more HIV positive Black men who were infected through sex with another man identify themselves as heterosexual than do similar white men.

One strategy for solving the problem — embraced by the CDC, global health officials and many AIDS organizations — has been to adopt language such as "men who have sex with men," addressing behaviors rather than sexual identities in both the terminology and the content of their public education campaigns.

Anderson, who is attending the Durban conference and has coordinated prevention programs in Washington, D.C., and San Francisco, supports that move and argues that past gay-specific education campaigns have alienated Black men.

But at the Durban meeting, several gay men from developing world countries such as India, Guatemala and Zimbabwe objected to the behavior-based approach, arguing that it is important to build sexual identities among men.

Others in the U.S. agree. Cornelius Baker, a gay Black man who is the former head of the National Association of People with

# HIV/AIDS among us needs action

By EMORY CURTIS

At the recent International AIDS Conference in South Africa a South African AIDS-research doctor said a few words about the AIDS problem there that we, African Americans, ought to heed.

She said, "The scientific evidence we now have is dramatic. We can, without any doubt, block transmission of the virus from infected mothers to their children. The only question to me is, 'Why aren't we doing everything we can to do it?'"

When the African-American AIDS statistics is broken out from the overall United States statistics, it is clear that we, African Americans, are not doing what we can to reduce HIV infections in our own communities. From the young to the old, our grim AIDS statistics look bad.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) reported that of the 40,000 new HIV infections each year in the U.S. about one out of two are Black even though we are just one out of eight of the total population in this country. AIDS has been the primary cause of death of Black men in the age category of 25-44 years since 1990 and of Black women in that same age category since 1993.

Black men are dying from AIDS at the rate of 140 per 100,000 populations while the rate for white men is 20 per 100,000. The disparity between white and Black women is greater; Black women are dying from AIDS at the rate of 20 per 100,000 while two per 100,000 white women meet that fate.

The transmission of HIV from mother to child at birth has resulted in 7,310 cases of AIDS in children as of September 30, 1997; six out of 10 of those cases are Black children. That transmission is blockable now by the mother taking a pill before delivery and giving the baby a dose a week after birth. To hold that protection, the baby then must be bottle-fed; the HIV

mother's milk can give the baby the HIV virus too.

So far, in all of the research, no cure for HIV/AIDS has been found. And even if it was, we shouldn't depend on it. HIV/AIDS is a lifestyle ailment. It is an infection you get doing a pleasurable activity — having sex. Or, in the case of drug users, sharing a dirty needle while getting a fix, a pleasurable activity to the addicted.

In the latter case, the needle user, a clean or sterilized needle can stop that HIV transmission. Getting clean needles is easy; getting the message across that sharing needles is like playing a game of Russian roulette is hard even though with one wrong hit, that's it.

The real problem we are having with HIV/AIDS in our community is getting the right message across about AIDS and the death sentence it carries. And that's the message we need to get across: HIV/AIDS is a death sentence that an individual imposes upon themselves for a little pleasure.

Sex is natural and heterosexual transmission of HIV is one of the primary means by which HIV is being transmitted. That's why condom use is pushed as the safe sex method of avoiding HIV. However, in our community at least, it is not working.

It is not working because many don't use condoms and, of the users, very few are 100 percent users. Furthermore, of people with HIV, according to the CDCP, at least eight out of 10 HIV carriers don't know they are carrying the virus. They may not feel any adverse effects until five or 10 years after they have been infected.

That means, looks and feelings both are deceiving.

The best bet in this sexual game is to carefully pick a partner and stick with that one partner. Bed-hopping by either can be fatal for both and the child born of that action. That message is the opposite of the messages that are flowing through our

community through cable TV (including BET), the movies, various other outlets and even our own actions.

The "safe sex" through condoms message needs strong fear messages to back it up. Old-heads among us (the pre-birth control pill generation) know that fear of pregnancy kept some young girls chaste and, at the worst, made them be a bit more choosy about bed partners.

In those days having an unwanted young one was an unmitigated disaster to the young couple and their parents. It was bad then, but now it is commonplace and is hardly given a second thought by friends and acquaintances of the couple and the couple's parents.

That shows how the formal and informal opinion-making process in a community can change group behavior. To combat this HIV/AIDS problem in our community we need to change the direction of the opinion-making process. Our leaders — church, civic and political — need to get behind the HIV/AIDS fear message and talk about the problem, let people know why Africans called AIDS the "slim disease," and let them know about AIDS deaths in our community.

It makes no sense for the HIV infection rate to be rising in our communities and going down in others. It's another way we are shortchanging our own future by letting this happen.

Our HIV positive young and HIV/AIDS in the 30-40 year old brackets are shut out of being productive members of this economic society. Our future in this society is bleak enough without us adding to that bleakness by our own controllable actions.

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## What does it take to beat the odds?

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Today, Ramon could tell you. But when he was 8 years old, his loving mother was brutally murdered and Ramon stopped talking.

A year later his father abandoned the family and Ramon and his four older siblings were all placed in separate foster homes. Ramon was assigned to special education classes when he remained withdrawn, and eventually began leaving school most days and aimlessly wandering his neighborhood.

But after he was picked up for truancy, a school counselor took an interest in him and saw through his traumatized silence to his intelligence, spirit and potential. She took him out of special education and encouraged him to enter the school's Academic Decathlon, exactly the encouragement and support Ramon needed.

By age 17 Ramon was captain of the Academic Decathlon team that won the California State Championships. He was flooded with scholarship offers and graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., and just this past June, received his doctorate in analytical writing from Princeton University. Ramon was a recipient of the Children's Defense Fund's Beat the Odds award, and the fund is proud of all he continues to accomplish.

The fund loves sharing the good news from its Beat the Odds winners. Too often only negative images of today's youth are seen,

but Beat the Odds winners offer a positive testament to all that is right with the majority of children.

Consider another honoree, David. When he was 10, his older brother, who was his revered role model was robbed and murdered on the way home from his part-time job. Two years later David's mother was diagnosed with a rare disease that left her paralyzed from the neck down. Shortly afterwards his parents separated and another older brother left home, leaving David as the caregiver for his mother and younger siblings.

Not only did David keep his own life on the right track — attending school and getting good grades, but he also invented a therapy system for his mother, giving her daily deep massages and setting a series of goals for her to accomplish (like making a fist).

The dean of the medical college at a local university heard about David's accomplishments and his mother's progress and flew him to a medical conference to share his techniques with doctors. Today David is a student at California State University at Northridge and plans to pursue a medical career.

Martin was a dedicated, soft-spoken high school student whose teachers and classmates assumed he didn't have a care in the world. But Martin's parents were both in and out of jail and rehabilitation for substance abuse, often at the same time — and so when he was not at school, Martin was the primary caregiver for nine younger siblings.

Every morning he got everyone up, fed, dressed, and off to school before taking his own long bus ride

through gang-infested territory to attend 7:30 a.m. basketball practice. After school he did the grocery shopping, laundry, cleaning and cooking and then supervised all of his siblings' homework before doing his own. In 1995 Martin graduated from Whittier College with both parents and all nine brothers and sisters looking on. Today he teaches social studies at a local middle school.

Far too many children in the U.S. have serious odds stacked against them, but in every community there are stories of extraordinary youths like Ramon, David and Martin who are beating those odds and overcoming the tremendous obstacles in their way.

There should be a commitment to finding these young people and recognizing and celebrating them for their courage and for being inspirations and role models for everyone. We should also commit to finding the children being overcome every day by the same difficult odds, and provide those children with the resources, attention and support for caring adults they need.

The Children's Defense Fund will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of beat the odds in Los Angeles on Oct. 24. It will honor the memory of LeBaron Taylor of Sony Entertainment who was an early and constant supporter of children beating the odds.

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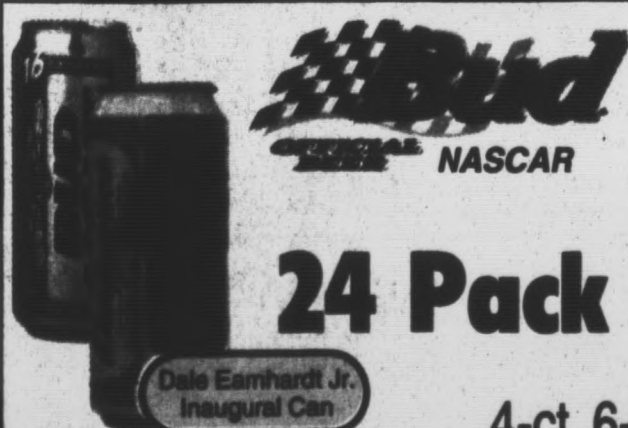
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## AME Indiana laity hosts district convention

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The State Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church recently played host to the 58th Annual Convention of the 4th District Lay Organization. State Lay President Claudette Johnson was host at the state level.

St. John AME Church, Indianapolis, was the host church. Rev. James R. Daniels Sr. is pastor of St. John's and Harlem Baker is local president. The 4th District includes conferences in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Canada.

The convention was called to order by president Joe Ezell, of the Michigan Conference. Bishop and Mrs. Philip R. Cousin were newly assigned to the 4th Episcopal District by the recently concluded World Wide General Conference in Cincinnati.

The Thursday night session was highlighted by a powerful and inspiring sermon by Bishop Cousin calling attention to the "Marks of a Christian" as follows: "birthmark" must be born again; "watermark" represents baptism; "yoke mark" must be tied of and tangled up with God; and the all important "knee mark" a place where by staying on our knees, we can get in touch with God. This message was received with a thunderous ovation and glory to God.

At the convention, Indiana played a major role with Pearla Gholston, St. John AME Church, Indianapolis, being elected a district third vice president; Wanda Gibson, Allen Chapel AME Church, Indianapolis, elected corresponding secretary; Annie Robinson, St. Paul AME Church, as district director of public relations; James Byers, Coppin Chapel AME Church, Indianapolis, as parliamentary and chairman of the budget committee. Indiana participants received two of the four scholarships available district-wide. They went to Stacia Bronston and Tamara Eypress, both of Bethel AME Church in Richmond.

Florence Sadler of the Indiana Conference was selected as district lay person of the year. Sadler is third vice president of the state organization and president of her local organization, First AME Church in Gary.

The youth held a prayer breakfast Saturday morning. Another youth highlight was the "Bible Bowl."

The adult workshop topics were: Mission of the AME Church, "Church Growth, Winning Team of Eagles for God." Indiana also won the "Booster Trophy Award." This award is based upon the selling of tickets to boost the youth program in the greatest number. Next year's convention will be in Michigan.



**Salt and Light**

By Bishop T. Garrett Benjamin

### Rev. Flake's bootstrap theory

Another positive aspect of the Indiana Black Expo 2000 was the inclusion of Rev. Floyd Flake, who shared a wealth of information in a seminar at the Sagamore Ballroom. He spoke eloquently and excellently from his book, *The Way of the Bootstrapper: Nine Action Steps for Achieving Your Dreams*. Bootstrapping is the strategy our ancestors used to raise families, work the land, start new businesses, run government, build wealth, and care for the less fortunate.

A former U.S. representative, Rev. Flake is the senior pastor of the 10,000 member Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church in Queens, N.Y. Under his leadership, the church has grown to include expansive commercial and residential development, private school, and various commercial and social enterprises that have made it one of the nation's most productive religious and urban development institutions.

That which we dream, vision, and hoped for has not happened yet. Protest without process results in no progress. Our people must realize that there is a process, a way to achieve success by making it against all odds, through self-directed action.

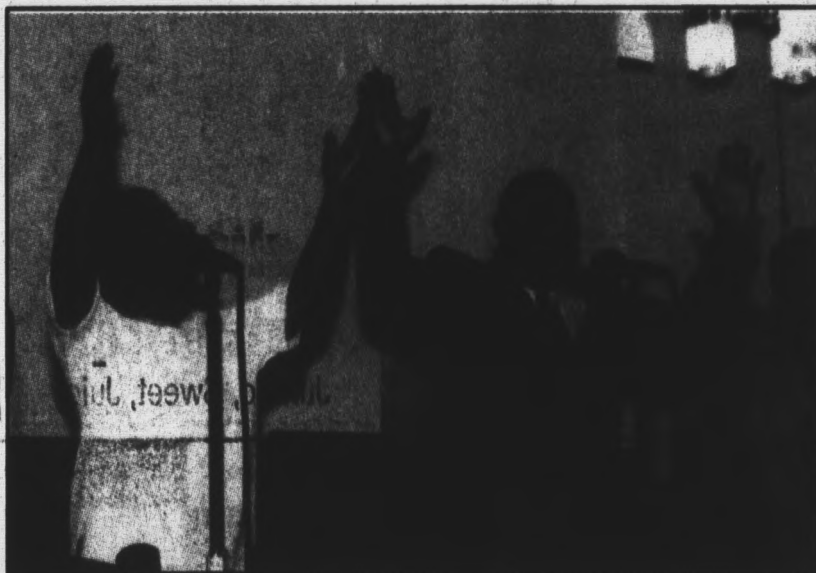
It is a mindset that allows you to rise over and above the ordinary and become an extraordinary person by taking responsibility for your thoughts. It is a value system that directs your relationship with yourself, your neighbors and the environment.

We must redefine ourselves, change our paradigm, because rhetoric only gives us rhetorical power and nothing really relevant to change. There are three elements that are critical for us to redefine who we are as a people.

**Spiritual Pillar**  
**Educational Pillar**  
**Economic Development Pillar**

**Spiritual Pillar**  
There is resounding evidence of the power of this pillar, for the church has been our backbone since the beginning of our struggle. As a result, we need more faith-based initiatives. We are entitled to all government stuff, because we pay taxes. Usually resources never come back to us. If the resources are available, someone, the church

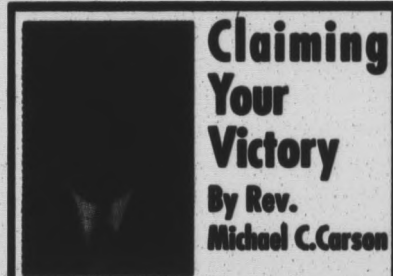
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Christ Temple Apostolic holds church convention

Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Assembly hosted their 85th annual church convention this week at the church. Activities included a homecoming banquet and Endtime Prophecy Conference. Suffrage Bishop Byron V. Johnson is pastor of Christ Temple. (Photo/Curtis Guynn)

### Reflect on the past but always press forward



**Claiming Your Victory**  
By Rev. Michael C. Carson

"But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt."  
— Genesis 19:26 (NIV)

"To not revisit the past means that the mistakes of the past will be made again, and the successes of the past forgotten." — Unknown

Every now and then it is very refreshing to go back to where one came from and walk the hallways of the past. Going through the rooms where we once lived, and driving down the streets where we once daily traveled can be very rewarding.

Taking the time to talk with persons who once were persons

you interacted with each and everyday. Trading notes as to where God has led the both of you is simply wonderful. How does one gauge what God has done for them unless they take some quality time to reflect on where one has come from.

Now understand that where one has come from hopefully is not like the places of Sodom and Gomorrah. While in one's past there is sure to be some pain, hopefully there is much more joy than pain. A part of who we have become is because of our past, and for one to deny their past is to deny in some part who they are.

Sure in some situations it was good that we did rise above our past, in fact it was very important that we did rise above some of the things that we used to do. It has been stated in regard to this fact that, "I'm not what I am going to be, but thank God I'm not what I used to be."

In order to know what we used to be means that we must embrace the past, acknowledge it, learn from it, and then move on from it. What are pictures on the wall? They are representations of how one looked at a certain time in life. Pictures tell a story of how a person, a family grew. Pictures tell a great story and each and everytime we look at those pictures we go back in our mind for a moment to another time, a time in the past.

When we go through the papers that we wrote in school and the tests we took in school we have the opportunity to again acknowledge that God's grace is truly sufficient. Your trophies on the mantle are "mile markers" as to what it took to achieve. There are so many rich stories behind the trophies, certificates, and awards in our homes and offices.

### The sojourn of the human soul

Allah revealed to humanity, "To the righteous soul will be said: 'O (thou) soul in (complete) rest and satisfaction! Come back thou to thy Lord, - well pleased (thyself), and well-pleasing unto him! Enter thou, then, among my workers! Yes, enter thou my heaven!'" Surah 89, titled the Dawn, verses 27 - 30.

Human life begins with Allah (G-d) providing the germ of life, that which is emitted from the male. This male germ, called sperm will strive and struggle on an uphill journey seeking to fertilize its mate, the ovum - the germ of life provided by G-d in the female. And Allah says "... and from them two scattered (like seeds) countless men



**Al-Islam in America**

By Imam Mikel Sohr

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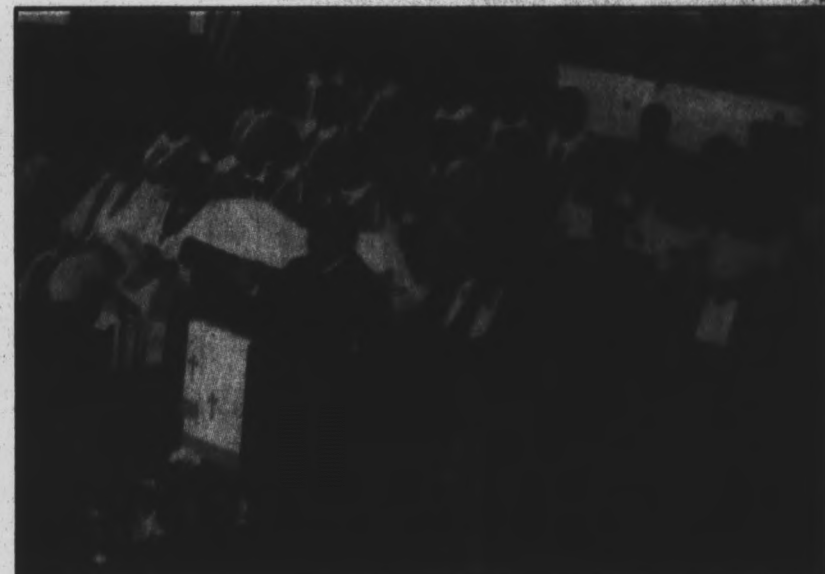
This union of sperm and ovum marks a divine beginning of the creation of the physical human person that soon will house a human soul. This human soul will thus embark on a sacred sojourn seeking its way back to its Lord Creator, who we call in the Arabic

language, Allah.

Al-Islam, the religion that obligates its adherents to maintain peace, teaches that Allah (G-d) created the human being "into toil and struggle." Sperm struggles. The egg and sperm unite and struggle in union attaching itself to the wall of the uterus for survival and growth for nine months, evolving the new life through three stages of development that results in the delivery into the world of a blessed human soul.

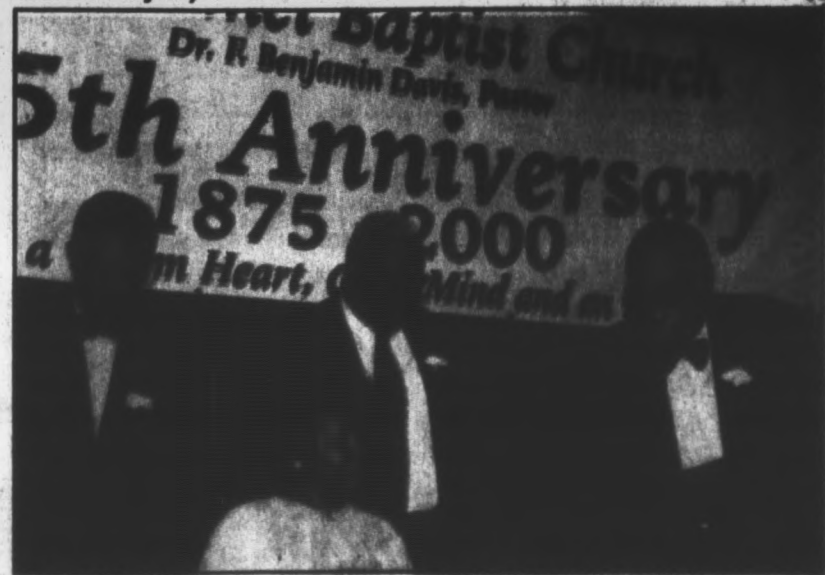
When Allah taught humanity in the Qur'an that we were created into toil and struggle, G-d is telling us that he wants the human

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### Trinity CME hosts annual conference

Senior Bishop Nathaniel L. Linsey presided over the 67th annual conference of the Ohio-Central Indiana region of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in the city last week. The annual event was hosted by Trinity CME Church on the Eastside, under the leadership of host pastor, Rev. Dr. Charles J. King Jr. Presently, Bishop Linsey serves as the presiding bishop of the 2nd Episcopal District which comprises the Ohio-Central Indiana conference, the Kentucky conference and the Jamaica conference. (Photo/Curtis Guynn)



### New Bethel Baptist observes 125th anniversary

New Bethel Baptist Church celebrated its 125th church anniversary and their 82nd church convention last weekend with an oratorical contest and an awards banquet at the Omega Conference Center. A full religious service at the church was held last Sunday, with many members dressed to the era of 125 years ago. Dr. J. Benjamin Davis is the pastor of New Bethel. Bruce Blakemore is the president of the church convention. (Photo/Curtis Guynn)

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Worship Service  
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Tuesday Night  
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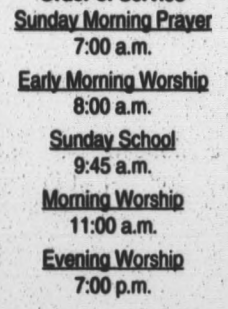


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Sunday Morning Service  
11:00 a.m.  
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6:00 p.m.  
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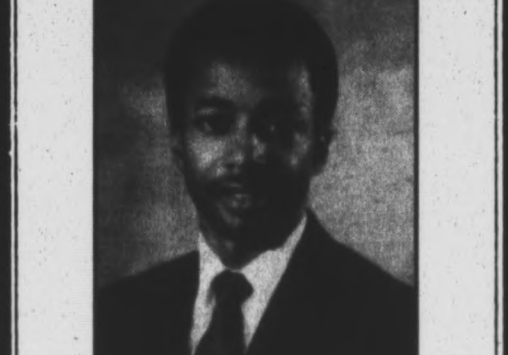
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## AME

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• Brother Benjamin Geeter of Greater St. James AME Church, Gary, talked on the Local Church Conference.

• Harlem Baker of St. John AME Church, Indianapolis, spoke on the Quarterly Conference.

• Brother Willie Gholston of St. John AME Church, Indianapolis, spoke on the Annual Conference and the Electoral College.

• Brother Churchel L. Swam of Bethel AME Church, Plainfield, spoke on the General Conference, which convenes every four years.

• Sister Eva Board of Coppin Chapel AME Church, Indianapolis, presented her workshop dealing with parliamentary procedures, generating much discussion.

The evening session was turned over to the Youth Lay Organization under the direction of Sister LaNita Fort, state youth director. The youth theme was "Love Your Neighbor As You Love Yourself."

The praise and worship began with the "Call to Worship" conducted by DaShay Hall of Providence AME Church, Indianapolis, and Shannon Fort of Robinson Community AME Church. The sharing of gifts and talents began with the piano artist of DaShay Hall. The precision dance team "Faith In Motion" from Allen Temple AME Church of Marion performed. From Robinson Community AME Church, Indianapolis, came a stirring solo by Michelle Sanders, "I Won't Complain." Shannon Fort gave a reading entitled "Ain't I a Woman?" There was liturgical dancing by the NIA Rejoice Teen Team. Coppin Chapel AME Church was represented by Justin Byers who gave a reading. Quenton Russell of Bethel AME Church, Marion, gave a marvelous piano rendition.

Perla Gholston, chairperson of the State Scholarship Committee, announced this year's winners as follows: Steven Brownlow, Coppin Chapel, Indianapolis; Stacia Brownson, Bethel, Richmond; and Tamara Cypress, Bethel, Richmond.

Following services, a swim/pizza fellowship was held at the

hotel for the youth. The Youth Convention wrapped up with workshops on the theme "Love Your Neighbor As You Love Yourself." Sister Rolunda Fears of Robinson Community was the presenter for the teen-age group and Sister Terri Withers, state assistant youth director, was the presenter for the children. Withers is from St. John AME Church, Indianapolis.

State Youth Lay Officers were elected as follows:

President - Steven Brownlow, Coppin Chapel AME Church;  
1st Vice President - Michelle Sanders, Robinson Community AME Church

2nd Vice President - Rebecca Howard, Coppin Chapel AME Church;

Secretary - Teresa Cotton, Coppin Chapel AME Church;

Treasurer - DaShay Hall, Providence AME Church;

Chaplain - Michael Grady, Providence AME Church.

Florence Sadler, 3rd vice president of the state organization, and president of the local organization, First AME Church, Gary, was chosen as "Lay Person of the Year." A much deserved honor. The convention concluded with the election of delegates to the 4th District Lay Convention which convened in Indianapolis. St. John AME was the host church.

The Biennial Convention which meets at Jacksonville, Fla., in 2001 will be hosted by St. John AME. District delegates are Harlem Baker, St. John, Indianapolis; Florence Sadler, First Church, Gary; Churchel Swam, Bethel, Plainfield; Juanita Ewing, Allen Chapel, Indianapolis; and James Byers, Coppin Chapel, Indianapolis.

Delegates to the Biennial are LaNita Fort, Robinson Community, Indianapolis; Wanda Gibson, Allen Chapel, Indianapolis; Eliza Wilder, First Church, Gary; and Frances Jarrett, Coppin Chapel, Indianapolis.

A job well done by Sister Frances Jarrett, state director of lay activities, for arranging such inspiring adult workshops. The same to Sister LaNita Fort, state youth director, and her assistant, Sister Terri Withers, for the great youth convention, workshops, and programs.

# On the Christian hip-hop trail

By ANTRACIA MERRILL

The Gospel Gangstaz will be setting out on tour this fall. Industry insiders are considering this a first of its kind tour since the lineup consists of Christian hip-hop artists. The tour kicks off Oct. 7 and runs through mid-November.

Rapper Fros T has been on the road promoting his album, "Life Long Journey." The rapper's music is also featured on the upcoming soundtrack to "Mercy Streets."

Knowdaverbs' sophomore album, "The Action Figure," will be released on Aug. 15 on Gotee Records. Look for him touring in the southeastern U.S. in November and performing throughout this fall and next spring.

Rage Against Destruction (in conjunction with Joyce Meyer Ministries) will be in Los Angeles Sept. 9-24 as well as the Book of Hope Project in Kosovo, Oct. 2-11.

KMG Records just released the first of a series entitled "TrendSetters." Part of the series is a Christian hip-hop album with songs from pioneers of the genre including Gospel Gangstaz, CMC's, P.I.D., 12th Tribe, D-Boy and his sister, M.C. Ge Gee.

### Making moves

Joe Pace, director of the Colorado Mass Choir, has signed a production deal with Integrity Music. He will work on a new series of live urban praise and worship projects for the label. As part of the deal, he will write songs and re-ar-

## Eye on Gospel

range classic praise songs. The first project of the series is set for release early next year.

The band will consist of a 12-voice praise team, backed by a 50-voice choir and a band that includes Jonathan DuBose, Marcus Dawson and Terry and Simeon Baker. Pace was recently featured on the project from Mountain Movers Children/Youth Choir of Middle Georgia.

In the meantime, Pace has been busy working with the Colorado Mass Choir, which is gearing up a new release.

Brent Jones and the TP Mob have signed a long-term recording deal with EMI Gospel/Capitol. Their first project will be a re-release of their self-titled project which hits the

streets in September. The group was previously signed with Holy Roller Records/MCG.

The deal with EMI will give the group more exposure as it has expanded their distribution base. Capitol will step in on marketing and promotion to urban markets. This deal is the first Gospel project for Capitol since their efforts with BeBe and CeCe Winans a few years back. Jones' work was featured on the soundtrack for the TV movie "Something to Sing About." Jones is also currently in the writing process for a follow-up TP Mob project.

CeCe Winans will be sharing her gift of song with Pope John Paul II on Aug. 19 at the Vatican in Rome. She will sing Stevie Wonder's "Free" just before the pope delivers a message to 1.5 million young people as part of his Annual World Youth Day.

CeCe, who was recently licensed as a minister, welcomed the opportunity to sing before such a diverse audience. "We're all God's children," she says. "But we have too many divisions among us as Christians. Black and white, Protestant and Catholic. We can never unite and spread the Good News if we're always beating each other up."

"There's a world of people dying physically and spiritually who need to hear the Good News message we have already heard and been blessed by," she said.

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Guest Speaker  
Dr. Theron Williams  
Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church

# AL-ISLAM

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being to be foremost. The struggles of life are there to bring out the best that our Creator has instinctually put into every child of Adam.

Allah mentions in the Holy Qur'an, "O thou man! Verily you are ever toiling on towards your Lord - painfully toiling - but you shall meet him.

In Al-Islam, belief in life after our physical life and death is incumbent. Our physical death is not the end of our sojourn towards our Lord. Physical death is similar to a high school graduation; it is only a commencement.

Our acceptance to strive and struggle in this life will help determine our placement in the future life. Our reluctance to accept the challenges of life will weaken us in this life and the next. We are ever toiling on towards our Lord.

In Al-Islam we often say, "Man plans, and Allah plans. But surely Allah plans the best." This Qur'anic guidance serves as a reminder that whatever we encounter in life is part of Allah's master plan. How we approach these encounters, or test in life, will determine if we

receive a passing or failing grade.

Allah says, "Verily with every difficulty there is relief." We understand this statement as saying that within the difficulty is your best answer. The sojourn of our human soul back to its Lord becomes more challenged when we seek to run away from our difficulties instead of confronting them.

Allah's master plan is designed to give us challenges and difficulties that we can toil and struggle with until we get the ease, that we call blessings. Allah is our Creator. He knows best how to bring out the best in our human souls, so he gave us free will, and human appetites to motivate us forward to consciously accept or avoid the challenges of life.

The free will and human appetite of each individual will be held accountable to their Lord. Both Bible and Qur'an say, "Can't no soul bear the burden of another." Further the Qur'an states, "Save yourselves and your family from the fire." Our families are an extension of our individual selves. We have to be mindful and responsible of not only our individual self, but also the immediate society around us, our family.

Allah (G-d) is calling each individual to accountability and responsibility. Our Lord is challenging our human souls to be conscious of pleasing him. Serving him by being mindful of all that he has put on our respective paths of life.

This call to individual and societal responsibility, as G-d has ordained, keeps the soul busy and active, purging it of laziness and idleness, stirring the soul to move on up the road towards meeting its Lord.

If an "idle mind is the devil's workshop" then an idle soul must be Satan's factory and warehouse. Allah wants all believers to be mindful of our souls, to guard our souls against a day that will be very difficult for those who avoided the struggles of this dignified sojourn towards our Lord.

If religion stressed this fact that our Lord created us into toil and struggle for a grand reward, maybe our youth would strive harder in school. Our young ladies would avoid unnecessarily being satisfied with a welfare check. Our fathers would strive to be better fathers, and mothers better mothers.

How we practice living in this life will strongly affect our station in the future life. Let us all strive and struggle in righteousness so we all can hear our Lord say: "O (thou) soul in (complete) rest and satisfaction! Come back thou to thy Lord, - well pleased (thyself), and well-pleasing unto him! Enter thou, then, among my workers! Yes, enter thou my Heaven!"

"Columnist note: 'G-d' We are not the first to make this change, to recognize the word dog in reverse reading of the name is distasteful. Many Jews agree. We favor such Jewish sentiments and share the concern."

*Al-Islam In America welcomes your questions and comments. Please forward them to: Al-Islam In America, c/o Imam Mikal Saahir, Nur-Allah Islamic Center, 2040 E. 46th St. Indpls, IN 46205. Or email: nur-allah@juno.com.*



## DESTINY HOLD 4TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING DINNER

Destiny, under the directorship of Priscilla Bolden, held their 4th annual scholarship dinner last week at the Indiana Roof ballroom. Destiny is an organization dedicated to providing a comprehensive musical learning experience for young people, pre-kindergarten through high school. Their strategies, within a structured program, develop their interest and abilities while improving cognitive, social, and motor skills. From left to right Michelle Watts, Diania M. Laaks, Justin Johnson scholarship winner, Priscilla Bolden. (Photo/ Curtis Guynn)

## RELIGION BRIEFS

### Women of St. Rita Catholic Church

The Women of St. Rita Catholic Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., invite you to their annual "Sister to Sister" celebration on Friday, Aug. 11 and Saturday, Aug. 12.

The guest speaker for Friday at 7 p.m., will be Sister Ebo from St. Louis and a reception will follow. The ecumenical service is at 9 a.m. on Saturday with workshops following at 10:30 a.m. The speakers will be Doris Peck, Sister Ebo and other guests. "Little Sisters" workshops for 10 to 14-year-olds will also be held. RSVP for lunch by calling (317) 543-4828.

### Clothing give-a-way

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 704 E. 32nd St., is having a clothing give-a-way on Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be clothing available for men, women and children.

### Back to School clothing give-a-way

On Saturday, Aug. 5, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. there will be a "Back to school clothing give-a-way" at Light of the World Christian Church, 5640 E. 38th St.

### Jammin' for Jesus

Come and be a part of the 4th

Annual Youth Jammin' for Jesus Mass Choir directed by Minister Lamar Campbell on Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. All youth ages 12-18 are invited to participate. Rehearsals are Monday, Aug. 7, 7-9 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 8 from 3-5 p.m. at Light of the World Christian Church, 5640 E. 38th St.

### 12th Annual Heaven on Earth Institute and Holy Convocation

The 12th Annual Heaven on Earth Institute and Holy Convocation sponsored by Light of the World Christian Church will present special guests Bishop Donald Hilliard of The Cathedral, Second Baptist Church; Perth, Amboy, N.J.; and Dr. C. Dexter Wise, Faith Ministries Church, Columbus, Ohio. The theme is "Repairers of the Breach." (Isaiah 58:12) This event takes place from Aug. 9-11 at Light of the World Christian Church, 5640 E. 38th St.

### Bible study class

Come walk through the Bible every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nazarene Missionary Church, 3505 E. 38th St. The pastor is Rev. J. C. Williamson and Sister Doris Byrd is the head learner. For more information call (317) 547-6315.

## SALT

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should take advantage of it. If welfare to work works, then we must make sure the people will get quality jobs to improve their state in life.

It is so critical for us to realize that everything we need is in our midst. The 2nd chapter of Genesis tells us that God did not put us here to live in poverty. Everything you need is already there in the urban community.

God is not going to make any more land. People coming into our communities and setting up stores are displacing us. We cannot be mad with another group of people taking advantage of opportunity that we let slip through our hands. The government must collaborate more with faith-based initiatives for we have solutions, and they have resources.

The government invests billions of dollars in Third World countries while Third World cities in America have suffered. There must be a collaboration between the government and non-profit organizations.

### Educational Pillar

We need more than just one model every child needs access to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We must address children early. Ages 1 to 8 years of age are crucial. We have the power to develop our own schools. Our private school in New York is doing better than the urban schools on test by about 40 percent on the same test.

The kids need to understand the value of education. It is the key to opening doors for one succeeding in this society. The system cannot

and will not do it, however, they give out \$21K per child for special education. We must access these and other funds to construct schools that will meet the needs for our children.

### Economic Development Pillar

We have executed but not accelerated. We must learn to invest and wait for that investment to grow. We cannot afford to keep working for money and not have money working for us.

Our primary resources are being drawn into gang activity and distributing drugs. If they can sell drugs on street corners, then they are already ahead of the Yale graduate, because they know market share. Stop selling drugs and open fish markets and fruit stands in the community.

Building stadiums and prisons will not change our conditions. Benediction is only the beginning of service, your ministry is just in its beginning. Develop community development corporations (CDC) to provide jobs for the people. Once you have met their needs, then they will be ready to serve.

We should invite him back for the Ecumenical Service next year. What do you think?

Remember, "you are the salt of the Earth and the light of the world." "You can make a difference," you really can!

Send comments and suggestions to e-mail: Matt51314@aol.com or write to Salt and Light, c/o Dr. Benjamin, P.O. Box 18088, Indianapolis, IN 46218.

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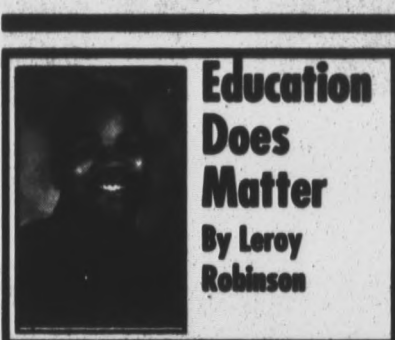
# A salute to single mothers who care

While conducting educational workshops for parents this summer and throughout the school year, it became very obvious that there were a large number of single mothers concerned about their children's education.

There were some fathers that did come out, but it was the overwhelming response of the mothers that made the workshops worthwhile. We tend to hear so much negative information about the parents and families of public school children, or children who grow up in single parent (mother) households.

I have been blessed to see the concern, the compassion, and the dedication of these single mothers as they come out for two hours after work, or they take a few hours off from work to attend these workshops that are geared towards helping their children become better students. Hearing the life stories of these single mothers who sacrifice, and who struggle, all for the good of their children, is enlightening enough to dedicate this column to them.

To the single mother who dedicates her life to nurturing, caring, and educating her two children without the help of the children's father, who she divorced several years ago. She is a full-time student carrying 15 hours a semester,



**Education Does Matter**  
By Leroy Robinson

working on her degree in dentistry.

She finds the time to volunteer in her children's school twice a week, attend field trips, and is also vice president of the very active Parent-Teacher Organization. This single mom also works 20-30 hours a week at the Dental School.

Her children often accompany her to the lab so she can conduct research or study, and on rare occasions, they join her in the classroom. Their mom also gets them tutors in the summer time and involves them in other educational activities at the Indianapolis Zoo, Marion County Library, and the Children's Museum.

Mom cannot maintain this type of schedule without some sacrifice. However, she has realized that the sacrifices are necessary, but only temporary. She has to live in a cramped three-bedroom apartment with her mother and two other younger siblings.

She cannot enjoy the newest and

most expensive automobile to transport her and her children around the city. She has a very difficult time enjoying the company of a significant other (there is no time), getting her hair done (she doesn't), or going out to a night club (she won't). At this stage in her life, she has devoted all of her time to self-improvement, and to that of improving the lives of her children.

The children are gaining a variety of important life long learning tools that will no doubt help guide them toward the path of success. These experiences of hard work, sacrifice, struggle, patience, and placing family and education first, are dearly needed in our community in specific, and the entire world community in general.

These are the mothers that we should uplift. These are the ones that I see at every one of my educational workshops. They have made a conscious decision to place their personal wants, needs and desires on hold, for the good of themselves and of their children. They understand that their current condition is only temporary, and that the future holds so many more promises and opportunities.

Many of our young mothers did not finish high school or college because they did not see a clear and easy path to continue the pro-

cess. Some had dreams of going to college after high school, but their pregnancy helped vanish those dreams.

There are many single mothers, with school age children, making the jump back into the classroom. They have not given up on their dream and their numbers are continuing to increase. There is always a way to make things better, but it may not be easy and it may require some temporary sacrifice on the end of some family members.

The time has come for you to wish for your brother or sister, what you wish for yourself. I wish each of you single mothers, returning to the classroom, much success and the best of luck. Success is yours.

Send your questions or comments to me at: [educationdoesmatter@hotmail.com](mailto:educationdoesmatter@hotmail.com) or write me at 9701 E. 63rd St., Indianapolis, IN. 46236. Call me at 317-393-2188

## New assistant co-director named for IUPUI Center for Young Children

Special to The Recorder

Linda Bohannon is the new assistant co-director for the IUPUI Center for Young Children.

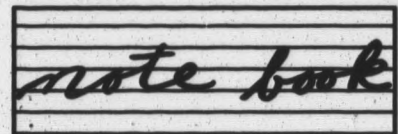
Bohannon, formerly a child care director on the IU Bloomington campus, along with fellow assistant co-director Connie Gassner, will assist director Beth Jeglum in the day-to-day operations of the center.

Bohannon was director of the Campus View Child Care Center in Bloomington for 10 years prior to coming to Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Campus View served 42 families and under Bohannon's leadership earned national accreditation in 1994. The new assistant co-director holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Central Washington University.

Gassner was promoted to assistant co-director last fall after serving as kindergarten teacher at the IUPUI center for seven years.

The IUPUI child care program is scheduled to move into its new building on the western edge of campus this fall. Children enrolled at the center will meet their teachers and visit their new classrooms at a special open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 17.

## education



### IPS receives national drug prevention grant

Indianapolis Public Schools announced that it has been awarded a three-year grant for \$643,000 for drug prevention at eight middle schools. The grant was made through the Middle School Drug Prevention and School Safety Program Coordinators under the U.S. Department of Education's Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program.

The grant will be used to hire four drug prevention coordinators who each will be assigned to train teachers at two schools in anti-drug abuse strategies.

Superintendent Duncan "Pat" Pritchett said he's pleased to receive significant assistance in lifting a major barrier to successful education.

"While drug abuse is an unfortunate fact in our society, I am extremely pleased that we will be able to develop programs that will help students steer clear of dangerous substances," he said.

James Arvin, drug education coordinator for IPS, said, "A lot of the problems we have with our kids are the result of direct or indirect exposure to alcohol, cigarettes or other drugs. This will give the Indianapolis Public Schools an opportunity to implement a blueprint that will decrease violence and drug usage in the selected middle schools."

### Join the adventure

With the start of school creeping up on us, this may be the last opportunity for families to be a part of a cultural experience that will last a lifetime. Hosting a high school aged foreign exchange student for the upcoming academic year will allow you to do this without having to leave your home! Cultural Academic Student Exchange (CASE) is accepting applications from families of all types; retired couples, single parent or childless to open their home to a fine young ambassador. To learn more about hosting a student without any obligation call toll-free: (877) 846-5848.

### Call for participation

The Black Cultural Center Library at Purdue University invites applications from graduate students for participation in its 2000 fall program, "African Americans and the Case for Reparations: Positioning the Debate," will be held at the center on Saturday, Nov. 11, 1 p.m.

The videos "Black Reparations" (an interview with Randall Robinson, TransAfrica) and "Case for Black Reparations," both aired on C-SPAN will be shown during the event.

Applicants should be doctoral students with evidence of completed research, work-in-progress or teach-

ing experience relating to the topic. The selected applicant will lead an audience of Purdue students, staff and faculty and members of the community in a discussion on reparations for African Americans within a historical and socio-economic context.

Submit a letter of application, abstract of paper (250 words) and a review (650 words) of the Debt: What America Owes to Blacks by Randall Robinson:

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The chosen applicant's review will be published in the "Focus on the Library" section of the Black Cultural Center Newsletter. The center will pay for travel and lodging as well as a small honorarium. Deadline for submission is Sept. 18.

### NABSW announces 2000 scholarships

The Indianapolis Chapter,

NABSW is pleased to announce the 2000 Scholarships to support the academic achievement of African-American scholars who have a demonstrated commitment to our community. Applications are due Nov. 20 and awards will be announced during Dec. 11 Chapter meeting/Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration. One award will be made for the first Dr. Gayle J. Cox Scholarship.

If you have any questions for the rules of eligibility, please call the chapter's voicemail (317) 767-5502.

### Shortridge High School class of 1961 seeks classmates for 40th reunion

In preparation for its 40th reunion activities in June 2001, the reunion committee for the Shortridge High School class of 1961 is actively seeking lost members. Addresses and contacts are missing for about 200 classmates. Members of the class of 1961 are urged to contact Ellen Brodey Simon at (317) 257-6968 or by e-mail: [EBSimon@aol.com](mailto:EBSimon@aol.com).

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## Pacers expect to keep all six free agents

Associated Press

The Indiana Pacers expect to keep all six of their free agents, preserving for at least one more season the roster that helped lead the team to the NBA Finals.

Team officials worked late into Monday night to finalize deals. They could begin signing players Tuesday, the start of the free-agent signing period.

League sources told the Star that the team's free-agents, Austin Croshere, Mark Jackson, Reggie Miller, Sam Perkins, Jalen Rose and Rik Smits would likely remain with Indiana, barring any last-minute changes of heart or surprise offers from other teams.

"I still feel confident we'll be in position to bring everybody back," Pacers general manager David Kahn said.

None of the free agents or their agents was available for comment on Monday, but none appeared to be close to agreements with other teams.

Croshere was considered among those most likely to leave Indiana. But Croshere and his agent, Dan Fegan, were in Indianapolis on Monday to meet with Pacers officials. They are close to agreement on a long-term deal that would average about \$7 million per season, the Star said.

Croshere had met with representatives from several teams in July, most recently with Toronto and Chicago. He was in Chicago on Saturday, before flying to Indianapolis to continue discussions with the Pacers.

"We really want Austin to stay here. And Austin's been truly fantastic in making it clear that he prefers to stay here because of the franchise and the city," said David Morway, Pacers vice president for basketball administration.

The 25-year-old Croshere was the subject of much speculation during the July negotiating period because of his uncertain market value, his youth and the degree of interest from other teams.

Rose, voted the NBA's Most Improved Player last season when he averaged a team-high 18.2 points, appears set to sign for the maximum allowed a player with his experience under the terms of the collective bargaining agreement. That means a seven-year deal starting at \$9.2 million and increasing by 12.5 percent per year.

Perkins, who turned 39 in June, is likely to sign a one-year deal for \$2.25 million.

Contracts for Miller and Jackson probably will take longer to finalize, but the Pacers are continuing amicable discussions with their agent, Arn Tellem.

Miller will get a raise over the \$9 million he earned last season and probably will sign for three or four more seasons. Jackson is likely to get a raise over his \$4 million salary, but the length of his contract is under discussion.

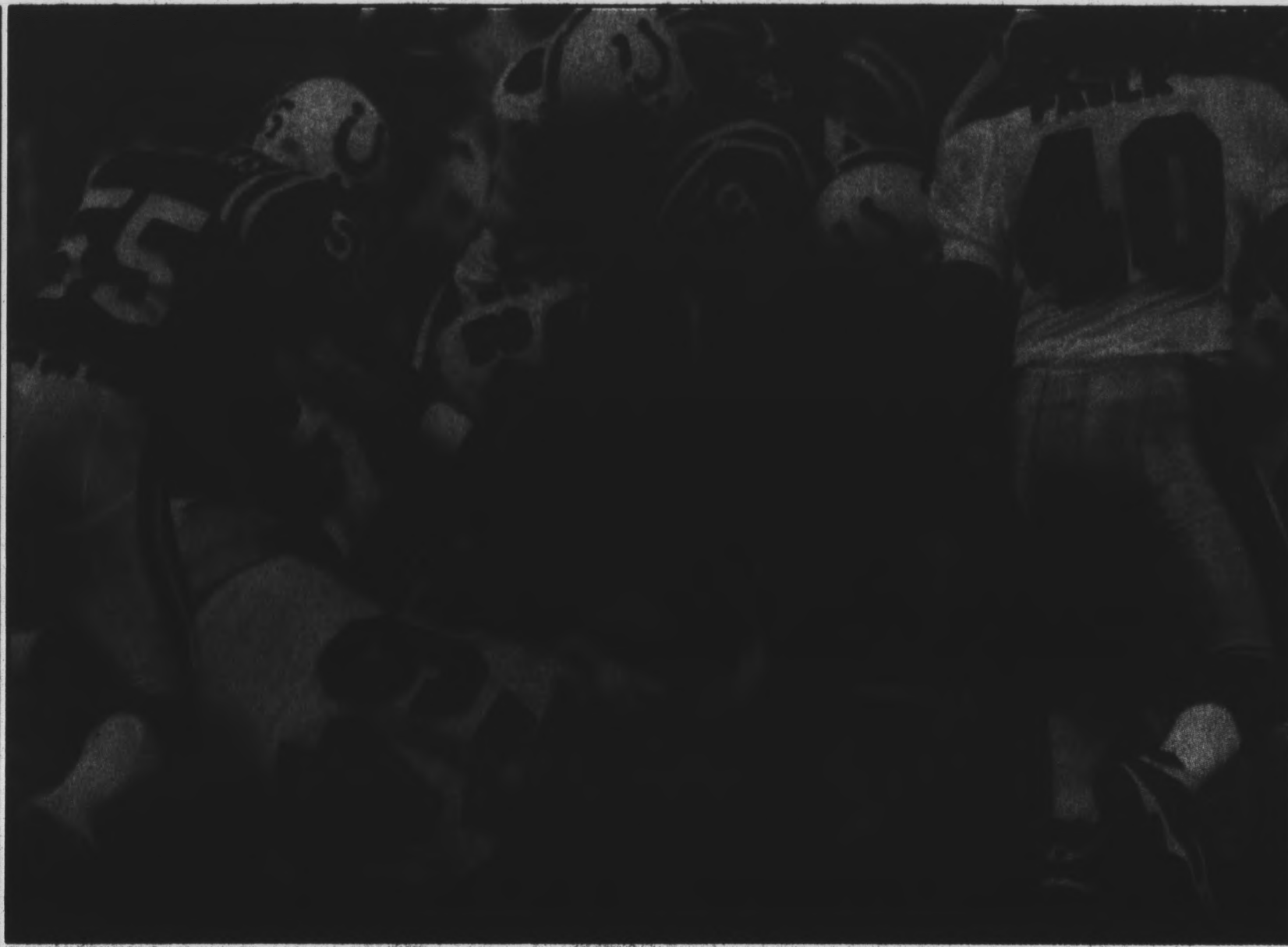
Smits is leaning toward retirement, but he won't decide until later this month whether to return. He took part in a conference call Monday with new coach Isiah Thomas and Rose, Jackson, Chris Mullin and Derrick McKey.

The Pacers also are weighing their options with their trade exception, a \$4.5 million "bonus" they acquired when they traded Antonio Davis to Toronto last year for the draft pick that became Jonathan Bender.

The Pacers can trade a future draft pick along with the exception to acquire a player earning up to \$4.5 million.

**Editors note:** The Pacers had already re-signed center / forward Sam Perkins at press time. Per club policy, terms of the contract were not released.

Perkins had played with the Pacers the last two seasons 14 seasons in the NBA.



The Colts opened the preseason with a disappointing loss to the Atlanta Falcons last weekend in the RCA Dome. photos / Walt Thomas

## Colts, NFL in full swing

By JAMES M. KEOUGH JR.  
Sports Writer

For the baseball, auto racing or tennis enthusiast, the summer represents a time of joy and involvement.

However, for those that follow professional or collegiate hoops and the physical grind of the National Football League, the summer represents a waiting game.

Some hoop and football junkies suffer through a long, tedious waiting game that is as intense as the temperature in July.

But just when summer begins to slip into autumn, and just when you thought it was safe to go in the water, the heavy hitters are back into action.

The National Football League is currently in the pre-season mode and the Sunday wars will officially begin the first week of September.

In other words, it's on.

The weekend warriors are back. The aggressive, bone-crunching, head-banging style of the NFL is infectious.

tious and will be coming to living rooms and stadiums across the nation. All culminating in an annual event of global proportions called the Super Bowl.

The Indianapolis Colts are now one of the best teams in the NFL. Believe it or not, the Colts are for real.

After a very successful season

last year and the development of a team identity, the young, aggressive Colts are finally becoming darlings of the community.

Could this year be the year?

Many of the so-called football experts are predicting a Super Bowl finish for the Colts.

And why not the Colts?

After a 13-3 finish last year and an AFC East title, expectations are high and the big three are back and one year more experienced.

Edgerrin James, Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison are back and appear poised for another productive season. James, the NFL's leading rusher last season, has had a full training camp after missing a significant portion of camp in his rookie season.

Harrison, after leading the AFC and NFL in several receiving categories, appears ready to pick up where he left off. If the Colts are unable to utilize another receiving target,

Harrison could face double coverage for most of the season.

It might be difficult for him to post numbers like last season, but he will continue to be one of the league's most lethal threats.

Manning, barring injury, could lead the Colts to the promised land and emerge as the NFL's top quarterback.

He continues to develop at a rate beyond his years and exhibits the leadership capabilities necessary to win in a ferocious league.

But the Colts will only advance as far as their defense takes them.

First-round draft selection Rob Morris, from BYU, is slotted to start at middle linebacker. After a contract dispute and lengthy holdout, Morris has gotten off to a slow start with the Colts. He will be a key for the Colts.

The Colts ability to stop the run and pressure the quarterback will be a key barometer of the team's success this season.

The Colts opened the preseason with a disappointing loss to the Atlanta Falcons last weekend in the RCA Dome. The team travels this weekend to Seattle to face the Seahawks.

Stay tuned.

## How far can the Colts go?

### COMMENTARY

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It is tres chic among NFL experts to tab the frisky and immensely talented Colts as the early-line favorite to represent the AFC in Super Bowl XXXV, certainly to dominate the division for perhaps the next several seasons, and a look at the versatile offense certainly justifies the lofty expectations attached to this team.

In the tradition of the famed Dallas Cowboys "triplets," after

all, Indianapolis possesses the trio of quarterback Peyton Manning, tailback Edgerrin James and wide receiver Marvin Harrison, and the average age of the threesome is a peach-fuzzed 24.7 years.

But if the Colts are to advance beyond their 1999 choking point, a home loss to Tennessee in the division round of the AFC bracket, Indianapolis must accomplish two things: Developing another wide receiver, someone who can complement the frequently double-covered Harrison, figures to be less difficult, given that there are a number of worthy candidates. Solidifying a defense that in '99 ranked in the middle of the pack but that still appears to lack up-front beef after a spring in which management didn't do much to address the size problem, likely

will be much tougher.

"We're still a little light in the (rear ends)," said coach Jim Mora, "and we have to get tougher in the front four and at linebacker. Our guys play hard, no question about that, but we don't have the widebodies up front. Over the course of a game, some of our people wear down a little."

The only addition along the defensive line was former New York Giants backup Bernard Holsey, who is projected as a starter but who is in the smallest mold of colleagues Chad Bratzke, Ellis Johnson and Bernard Whittington. Average weight of the likely starters in the front four is just a shade over 280 pounds. While the Indianapolis linemen are very active, the group also has a penchant for being rag-dolled by more physical, road-grader offensive linemen.

The question mark at linebacker isn't really one of physical size, but rather the abbreviated NFL resumes the starters might carry into the regular season. One pro-

jected starter, weakside 'backer Mike Peterson, has just one season of league experience. Another, middle linebacker Rob Morris, was the team's first-round draft choice this year. Indianapolis desperately needs future Hall of Fame candidate Cornelius Bennett to return from a late '99 knee injury. Bennett is the spiritual leader of the defense and, even at age 34, still has something left in the tank.

No doubt the Colts will rank again among the NFL's most explosive offenses. But come playoff time, when the style of play characteristically gets more physical and the scores are tighter than in regular-season play, Indianapolis must demonstrate the ability to bully opponents with defense as much as they blister them offensively.

"You can't count on your offense putting up 30 (points) every week in the playoffs," said safety Jason Belser. "We've have to be able to knock the other guy's offense off the field, you know?"

## 2000 COLTS PREVIEW

1999 record: 13-3, first in AFC East.

Last five years: 37-43.

Coach: Jim Mora (16-17 years with Indianapolis, 10-13 NFL seasons as a head coach).

Playoff past: The Colts have not played in the playoffs since the move from Baltimore to Indianapolis.

Schedule preview: A solid 1999 September team in the past, the Colts open the season against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the third game, the Colts play the Jacksonville Jaguars in a Monday night test that could be a preview of an AFC championship game. Unfortunately for Indianapolis, the week comes early, on Sept. 17.

1999 offensive rankings: No. 1 overall, No. 19 rushing, No. 4 passing.

Key players lost from 1999: Fred Lane (deceased), MLB Mike Barber (released), QB Steve Watson (released), RB Derrick Holmes (released).

Key additions for 2000: QB Bernard Holsey (Giants), RB Abdul-Jabbar (Bronx).

Rookies to watch: RB Morris (No. 1) is expected to start despite missing the first two weeks of camp in a holdout, and QB Marcus Washington (No. 2) will push for playing time if he returns from a training camp hamstring injury.

Offensive line: The Colts' weight left tackle Tarkenton developed into a top offensive line and would benefit from intense conditioning, but the unit's top former remains right tackle Matt Meadows. Hardly a prototypical strongside power blocker, Meadows is still a tough-minded performer and he has only permitted four sacks in the past two seasons. The interior linemen are fairly ordinary, although center Larry Moore could make the next level this season.

Wide receivers/tight ends: A big question remains who will line up opposite Pro Bowl star Marvin Harrison at wide receiver. Candidates include versatile second-year pro Terrence Wilkins, and third-year veterans Jerome Pathon and Ed Green. But the coaches would prefer to use Wilkins, an exceptional athlete, as the No. 3 receiver. For that happen, either Pathon or Green, who often injured, will have to start as No. 2 job. Tight end Kael Dinger is a tremendous in-line blocker and underused receiver. The Colts generally use a two-tight end formation and former college hoops star Marcus Pollard is excellent in his role as an H-back. He is an emerging force in this offense and was Manning's pet project for this year.

Running backs: Offensive rookie of the year Edgerrin James had all but 13 of the team's carries as a running back in 1999 and, while he showed no signs of erosion during the season, coaches made it an offseason priority to acquire a veteran backup who could spell him. The tragic death of Fred Lane, however, forced the Colts to search for a replacement, and the best they could do was journeyman Abdul-Jabbar. James is a workhorse and a surprisingly good receiver, but this team would be in trouble if he went down for a long stretch.

Quarterback: Talk about trouble! If anything ever happened to Peyton Manning, the Colts would immediately go from Super Bowl contenders to also-rans. The brightest young star is a team's player who commands respect from teammates and opponents alike. It is when you are looking for a replacement by anything, but he was injured by Tennessee's blitzing line in the Colts' playoff loss. There is zero experience behind him and the Colts are hoping that veteran Kelly Holcomb can step in as a solid backup someday.



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## The Black Rose

### A new book about Madame C.J. Walker picks up where Alex Haley left off

Special to The Recorder

Author Tananarive Due is part of a generation of writers taking African-American fiction into new, unusual directions. Her novels, *My Soul to Keep* (1997; HarperCollins) and *The Between* (1995; HarperCollins), are journeys into supernatural suspense — bringing a unique African-American flavor and sensibility to tales that keep readers awake at night.

Due has just completed the historical novel, *The Black Rose* (2000; OneWorld/Ballantine), based on the life of Madame C.J. Walker, America's first Black self-made female millionaire. The book is fiction and some events and scenarios have been changed based on the research of Alex Haley, who died before he could complete the project he envisioned on her life. Due recently talked with The Recorder about the novel.

**Q: How did you feel when you were first asked to write *The Black Rose*?**

**A:** I was very honored, but I was also nervous. I was honored because I've always been a great admirer of Alex Haley's. In fact, in the sixth grade, in the wake of the "Roots" mini-series, I wrote a report entitled "My Own Roots," based on my own family history. I remember feeling robbed when Haley died, because I had always hoped to meet him and tell him how much his work meant to me.

So it was very gratifying to be approached by the Alex Haley estate about this project simply because of the weight of his name and reputation. The other part of my reaction, of course, had to do with the name of Madame C.J. Walker. I didn't know much about her, but I did know who she was. My parents are both civil rights activists, and I was raised to have a great deal of respect for history, especially the people in history who have made a tremendous difference and Madame C.J. Walker was one of those people. I knew the book would be fictionalized, but I wanted to do her life justice. It was a very intimidating project all around.

**Q: You've been known as a horror writer, which is a very different kind of writing. What was the most challenging part of writing this kind of book?**

**A:** The research. I'd never written a historical novel, even though there were a few sections in my previous novel, *My Soul to Keep*, that took place during slavery, the 1920s and the Ethiopian Middle Ages. *The Black Rose*, however, is historical from beginning to end, so my biggest challenge was to try to recreate a world I've never seen.

Often I began my writing day with a completely blank picture in my mind, so I had to dig through my boxes for photographs and articles that would help me visualize the time and place I wanted to depict. Besides the historical dates and locales, it was very hard to imagine the day-to-day clothing, appliances, foods and other small items that people used during that time. Thank goodness for historical catalogs from stores like Bloomingdale's and Sears, Roebuck & Co.

In some ways, I guess it's very similar to writing science fiction and dark fantasy, which is what I've been known for until now. In those books, you create new worlds from pure imagination, too. In a historical project however, there's a mandate to be as accurate as possible, which is what I tried to do in *The Black Rose*. There are definitely facts that were changed in the writing of this book for the sake of the narrative, but I tried not to make those changes frivolously, and I definitely tried not to change anything accidentally.

For instance, I wanted to include a scene with Langston Hughes toward the end of the book, but when I did my research I realized he was only about 14 years old during the scene in question, so I couldn't include him! I had to do a lot of double and triple checking while I wrote this book. Even though I did have to do research on my own, the bulk of it was provided to me in about a dozen boxes I received from the Alex Haley estate. If not for that, it would have been impossible for me to write this novel on such a short deadline.

**Q: What do you think of Madame C.J. Walker?**

**A:** My admiration for her grew as I

learned more about her. I'd always heard she was the first self-made Black female millionaire, but I knew nothing about her struggle — the fact that she'd been born to sharecroppers who were former slaves, that she'd been orphaned and that she started her company so late in life, especially for that time.

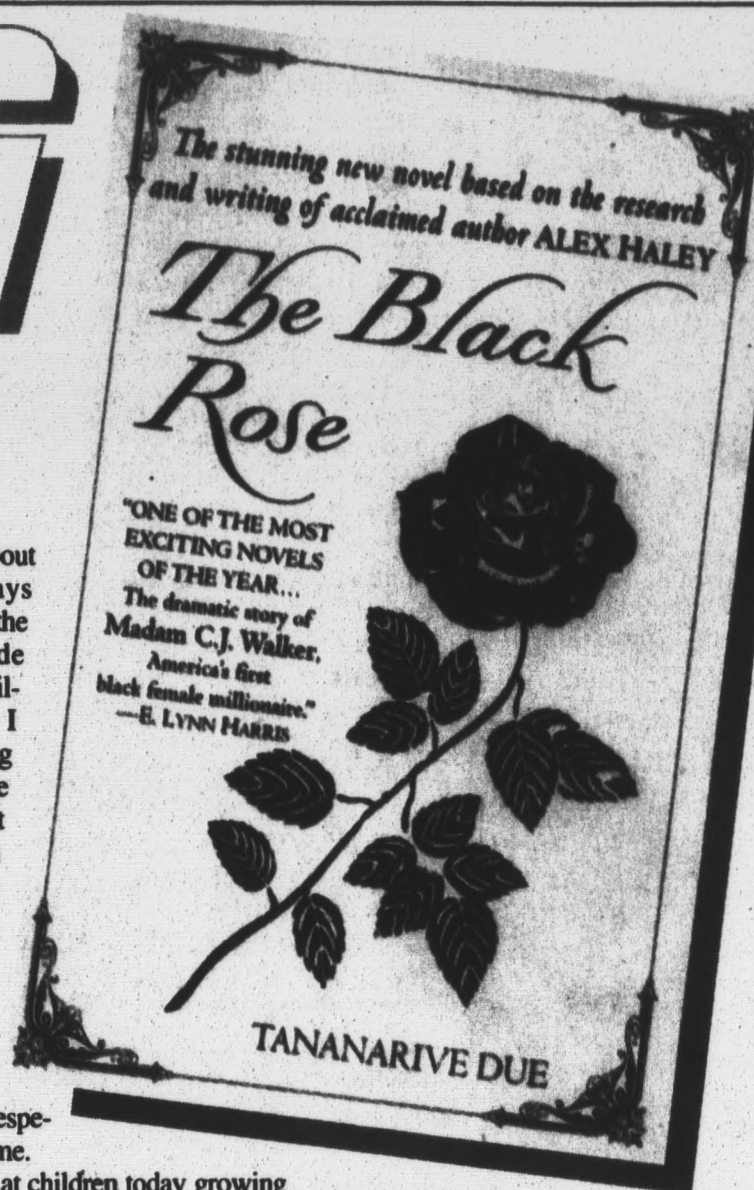
When I look at children today growing up in the inner-cities with few role models and few opportunities, it's all the more amazing that Madame C.J. Walker was able to visualize a future for herself and set out on a path that very few American women of any color had undertaken at that time. I have tremendous respect for what she did. She reminds me a lot of my mother, who in fact, was blazing her own trails during the civil rights movement, when she was arrested and tear-gassed for fighting for her rights. Like my mother, I think Madame C.J. Walker did what she did in part, with future generations in mind.

**Q: What do you want your readers to walk away with after reading *The Black Rose*?**

**A:** I would like readers to feel that they got a true glimpse into this remarkable woman's life and times. I can't pretend I knew her, but I hope I got enough of a sense of who she was from my research to convey a flesh and blood character to the readers, not just an unreachable icon. I wanted to give her flaws and frailties as well as to depict how amazing her life's journey was. The fact is, she was not unreachable; despite all the heartaches in her life, she allowed herself to blossom to her full potential, which I believe is the responsibility all of us have to ourselves.

**Q: How much of Alex Haley's vision made its way into *The Black Rose*?**

**A:** A lot, I hope! Most of the writing is my own, but he coordinated the team that outlined and researched this book, and I know he wanted to tell a story that would inspire people. I used some scenes from the outline, but not others. I knew I had to make this book my own and structure it the way that was the most



## MUSICAL PIX

### New Destiny's Child album shows maturity

Special to The Recorder

Everything grows bigger and better in Texas, so they say, and if Destiny's Child is anything to go by, the saying rings true. Rarely have beauty, brains and talent been served up in such generous helpings as with the Houston-based foursome. It's all on display on their stunning new sophomore album "The Writings on the Wall," which in addition to their own writing and production input, features contributions from some of the music industry's most-noted movers and shakers.

"We're not Boyz II Men, but this represents us progressing from girls to young women," says the caramel-complexioned Beyonce, who shared an average age of 18 with then group members — Kelly, LaTavia and LeToya — when the album was recorded. "Although we're still young," she adds, "we've seen quite a lot in the last year or so. We've traveled and matured personally so we wanted to reflect that in our music."

The concept — that of relationships — takes on a different slant lyrically to many other albums that attempt to traverse the same terrain, veering away from just romance (although there is plenty of that) but also discussing the full gamut of personal relationships.

"We called the album 'The Writings on the Wall' because this album really spells out what will happen in a relationship if people treat each other a certain way," explains Beyonce. "It really shows what's really going on."

Indeed the album's first single, "Bills, Bills, Bills," is a riotously funky, tongue-in-cheek, poke-in-the-ribs at boyfriends who start off as a knight-in-shining armor only to let the act drop exposing them for the scrubs they are. Destiny's Child is aware that the song's mature subject matter could well result in raised eyebrows considering their tender years.

The single, along with other killer uptempo joints such as "So Good" and "Bug A Boo," was co-written and produced by hot newcomer Kevin "She'kspe" Briggs, best known so far for masterminding TLC's "No Scrubs." He was the first name called to the table and musically and thematically set the wheels in motion for "Writings on the Wall."

Working closely with She'kspe in their native Houston allowed the album to develop its often playful, informal feel. It was a foundation that other high flying producers — such as Rodney Jerkins (the innovative "Say My Name"), Missy (the cheeky "Confessing"), Daryl Simmons (lush, melancholy "Stay"), Chad Elliot (the smooth "If You Leave Her, featuring the hot male R&B trio Next), and Tony Toni Tone's Dewayne Wiggins (sultry "Temptation") — were able to build upon admirably, helping craft together a collection of songs overflowing with both upbeat, youthful exuberance and endearing feminine sensitivity and vulnerability.

Destiny's Child's incredibly tight vocal blend, which belies their young age, begins to make sense when you discover that the best friends have been together as a group for more than half their lives. Under the guidance of Music World Management's Matthew Knowles, also the album's executive producer, they began to attract a loyal local following performing throughout the Houston area to audiences spanning the generation gap, opening for a who's who of R&B and hip-

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Destiny's Child coming to Deer Creek.

## AIDS ignites a fire in Black communities

By RONNETTA S. SLAUGHTER  
Staff Writer

Communities are facing the No. 1 killer among African Americans ages 25 to 44, and discuss how AIDS has become a raging fire in Black families. Acclaimed director, Mustapha Khan, recently released "House on Fire," a documentary about Blacks and AIDS. The film depicts the intimate and unsettling effects resulting from AIDS, which ultimately reflects individuals committed to helping one another.

Kahn, who has been making films for 12 years, was contacted by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) last December, and agreed to produce a documentary about AIDS and Black families. After two months of research, he interviewed more than 100 people, representing diverse backgrounds

from cities such as Atlanta, Chicago and Washington.

"I didn't want it to be a film about Black America sleeping through the AIDS crisis. Blacks are doing something about it. I wanted to focus on individuals who are part of the solution, and inspire people to take care of themselves and their communities," said Kahn, who takes pride in making films about people's lives.

"House on Fire," he says, delivers a message of closeness among Blacks and sets the stage for conquering AIDS, which Kahn recognizes cuts to the core of who we are and determines our future. "Out of the negativity and destruction, there's also positive things pulling together the strength and beauty of our people," he added.

While the NAACP dedicates the film to AIDS victims, communities are speaking out against how the disease has destroyed

their families. "How do we find a way to get control of a disease that has control over our communities, that's taking out our young brothers and sisters at a rate that's astronomical?" asked Kweisi Mfume, NAACP president and CEO.

Although the names of victims and their families remain unknown, their heartfelt stories create an arena of pain and confusion as AIDS claims the lives of people. The faces reveal tear stained cheeks and unsteady voices, yet each person continues to talk, perhaps healing their past while confronting the future.

"It really is a war, not just against the virus, but it's a war against ignorance," admitted poet Maya Angelou, acknowledging the importance of educating society about AIDS, in relation to overall awareness and prevention.

As one woman describes how her rela-

tive died in her arms, another woman says she regrets contracting AIDS from living with a man who had full-blown AIDS and never told her.

While tears stream down his face, a child fondly remembers that his mother initially had the flu, and eventually her condition with AIDS became worse. Pregnant women with AIDS, infected husbands and health officials also recall their experiences with the disease.

There is an underlying focus on all types of relationships, homosexual and heterosexual, as well as a need for open discussions on sexual behaviors. A group of teens discuss abstinence and the importance of HIV tests.

Drug usage and prison incarceration are also vital links to spreading AIDS, and the

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film recognizes that various organizations must join in the fight against AIDS.

"The church cannot just push people aside, criticize people and condemn people to hell. I'd rather save a life, and then save a soul, than to lose a soul because we've lost the life," said Rev. Preston Washington, Harlem Congregation for Community Improvement. The film will broadcast this fall on PBS, and Kahn

hopes people realize that AIDS affects all us. "House on Fire" leads an open discussion about the disease that can no longer remain silent, behind closed doors.

"We are incredibly strong together. We've faced all types of crisis. We can get through this as well," added Kahn, looking towards a future of understanding, compassion and elimination of AIDS within communities of families.

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A: Yes, all mother-daughter relationships have stormy moments, but I think these two women had deep differences despite their love for one another. A'Lelia was very involved in the company during Madame's lifetime, but she probably watched her mother working herself so hard and vowed that she would enjoy her life more. She grew more interested in Harlem's party life. I'm sure this was very frustrating to Madame, who was trying to build an empire. A'Lelia's "Dark Tower" literary salon would later become a component of the Harlem Renaissance.

Q: Madame Walker became known for straightening hair. What do you think of that?

A: I think it's unfortunate that some people only think of "hair straightening" when they think of Madame C.J. Walker, because I believe that notion trivializes the larger impact of her work, which was to provide gainful employment to generations of women. She had serious hair and scalp problems. She found a way to help herself and in the process she found a way to help others.

My late grandmother, my father's mother was trained by the Madame C.J. Walker School of Beauty Culture in 1941, and she supported herself as a beautician in Indiana throughout her life. Madame C.J. Walker created a wonderful model of empowerment, and she used her name and wealth to support causes in politics and education. I understand why there was some controversy, though. I have to admit that I get annoyed when I hear the term "good hair," because I believe all of us have good hair! I remember being a child and putting a towel on my head, flinging it back and forth like it was long, flowing hair, but I grew out of that stage because my mother taught me to appreciate the beauty of my hair.

I think some of us have made the mistake of being too enchanted by the European beauty model without exploring our hair's full potential, but I don't think that was what Madame C.J. Walker was about. Madame C.J. Walker denied that she was trying to straighten hair, and she envisioned a time in the future when most Black women's hair would be not quite straight and not quite kinky.

I believe Madame C.J. Walker helped instill a beauty ethic in Black women at a time when they were afforded no respect. I think her point, ultimately was to help

Black women feel good about themselves after so many years of being treated like chattel and faceless domestics. I haven't used chemicals in my hair in more than a decade because I prefer a natural style, but I can appreciate women who wear their hair in different styles, whether it's in dreadlocks, curls of permed bone-straight. Our hair is wonderfully versatile and it can look beautiful in so many ways. I think Madame C.J. Walker wanted to help us understand that.

Q: What were your most memorable experiences while writing this book?

A: My biggest frustration, all along was feeling so far away from my subject matter — I longed to be able to interview either Madame Walker or Alex Haley, and I could do neither. But I had two experiences that were very gratifying: The first was having the opportunity to visit Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, and to walk into the sanctuary where Madame Walker actually attended services. That made me feel much closer to her. The other experience had to do with my sense of connectedness to my own history: I was racing through the microfilm of turn-of-the-century Indianapolis Recorder newspapers at the Indiana Historical Society, realizing that I had about 10 minutes to finish when I'd thought I had two more hours.

I was looking for Madame Walker's ads and society column mentions of her comings and goings, since newspapers used to say who was visiting whom, where people had vacationed and who was sick at home. Then, my eyes lighted on something in a 1912 issue that took my breath away: It read, "Mrs. John Due is seriously ill at her home, 112 Emmett Street." Well, my father's name is John Due, as was his father's before him - and since his family is from Indianapolis, I knew that newspaper was referring to what must have been my great-great grandmother. It was an almost indescribable feeling.

African Americans have been so scattered in this country that many of us don't have a sense of roots. But after reading that notice, I felt so much closer to that community, to Madame C.J.'s world, and to my own predecessors. I felt like I was a part of the history I was writing about, however remotely, as if my spirit had somehow always been walking along those old Indianapolis streets. I've never had an experience quite like it.

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hop acts such as Immature, Dru Hill, Das EFX and SWV prior to landing their own deal with Columbia Records.

The phenomenal success of their debut single, "No, No, No" (remixed by Wyclef Jean), kick-started a storybook, whirlwind year of international travel, plush hotels and sold-out concerts. That's not to say it all was glamour and glitz, however. In the U.S., the four teens toured extensively as the opening act for Boyz II Men. In Europe, they are considered superstars of the highest order thanks to the Timbaland-produced hit "Get on the Bus" from the "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?" soundtrack.

In addition to recording their new album, the group also recently worked with superstar R. Kelly on the song "Stimulate Me" from the "Life" soundtrack and made their acting debut on Warner Bros. "Smart Guy" TV show. The episode featuring the group garnered one of the sitcom's highest ratings. Although close friend Wyclef Jean didn't contribute musically to "The Writings on the Wall," he did play an integral part in the album's concept.

It's commonplace to compare young female R&B groups to past superstars like the Supremes, the Emotions, and En Vogue. However, as bona fide mega stardom awaits them, Destiny's Child, with their cutting edge fusion of hip-hop, soul, sass and sweetness, look to blaze a trail all of their own to the top. As Beyonce says, "Most people don't realize that we really have dedicated our lives to this. Some people in Houston used to say we were crazy trying to get a record deal because no one's ever really done it from there before. But we are proof that whatever you put your mind to, you can achieve. This is the start for us, believe me."

Beyonce's confidence has proved to be well-founded. Released on July 27, 1999, "The Writings on the Wall" was certified RIAA gold mere month later. The album has since gone on to achieve RIAA triple-platinum status while producing two No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart: "Say My Name" and the album's phenomenal first single, "Bills, Bills, Bills," which spent nine weeks at No. 1 on Billboard's R&B Singles chart (the longest at No. 1 position on that chart in 1999). In the summer of 1999, "Bills, Bills, Bills" was the No. 1 song on R&B radio for five weeks in a row.

Last February, Beyonce Knowles and Kelly Rowland welcomed new members Farrah Franklin, age 18, and Michelle Williams, 19, to the group. Both Farrah and Michelle have a history with Destiny's Child founding members and creative forces Beyonce and Kelly; Farrah danced in the group's video for their single, "Bills, Bills, Bills," while Michelle met them during her stint as a background singer for Monica.

"We couldn't be more excited that Farrah and Michelle have joined us," Beyonce and Kelly concur. "We're all really looking forward to the next phase of Destiny's Child."

"The Writings on the Wall" earned Destiny's Child the award for outstanding Duo or Group at the 31st annual NAACP Image Awards ceremony in February.

Destiny's Child will be in Indianapolis at Deer Creek Music Center on Aug. 8th at 7 p.m. with Christina Aguilera. Call TicketMaster at (317) 239-5151.

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Various Times

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Make great memories when you take the evening to enjoy the Indians action with the entire family.

**August 3, 4, 7, 9**

**Indiana Fever**  
Conseco Fieldhouse  
Various Times  
\$5 - \$25

Don't miss the chance to see the Fever in their inaugural season before its too late.

**August 4**

**Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra - Sound of the City Concert Series**  
Hilbert Circle Theatre  
Noon  
FREE

Take a break from the office to relax and enjoy free symphonic tunes.

**August 5**

**Jacobson's Back to School Fashion Show**  
8701 Keystone Crossing  
2 p.m.  
(317) 574-0088

**August 6**

**Christina Aguilera, Destiny's Child in concert**  
Deer Creek Music Center  
7 p.m.  
Tickets available through TicketMaster outlets or call (317) 239-5151

**August 9**

**WENS Lunch on the Circle**  
Monument Circle  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
FREE

Enjoy the beauty of Monument Circle while enjoying the summer sun and a free lunch downtown.

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## ENTERTAINMENT Briefs

### Conga Jazz at the Jazz Kitchen

On Saturday, Aug. 5, join Larry Calland and his crew as they play cuts from his new CD recorded live at the Jazz Kitchen.

Admission is \$7 and the door opens at 5 p.m. for dinner. It's an evening packed with rhythm, soul and latin jazz favorites from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

### Images of Africa

The monthly television series - "Images of Africa" - a production of UNI Television Service will present great people, great value, great cities and indeed true images of Africa. The series will show on the following channels:

WAV-TV 53 Indianapolis  
Time Warner Cable channel 20  
Comcast channels 38 & 99

Scheduled time and dates for telecast of different editions of the program are:  
5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2

5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14

5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11

5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9

### Jiffy Lube presents '70s film festival

Whether you remember those summer nights or are just interested in stayin' alive, don't miss the '70s Summer Film Festival at IMAX Theater, 650 W. Washington St., in White River State Park.

Continuing this week, is "M\*A\*S\*H" is followed by "Tommy" and "The Sting." The movies are Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 7:45 p.m. Admission is \$6.50. Stop at Indianapolis Jiffy Lube locations to pick up two-for-one passes!

"Tommy" - Aug. 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20 - The Who's classic rock opera defined the genre.

"The Sting" - Aug. 24, 25, 26, 27, 31 and Sept. 1, 2, 3 - Best Picture of 1973 and winner of six

other Academy Awards, "The Sting" stars Robert Redford and Paul Newman pulling off the best con job of all time.

Also showing this summer are "Michael Jordan to the Max" (through Oct. 31), "Africa's Elephant Kingdom" (through Nov. 22) and "Siegfried & Roy: The Magic Box in IMAX 3D" (through Oct. 31). Call (317) 233-4629 or log on to [www.imaxindy.com](http://www.imaxindy.com) for more film information and show times.

### 'Vacant Lot' film to premiere on cable

The worldwide premiere of "Vacant Lot" is scheduled to be on the BET Movies/Starz Cable Network on Aug. 4 at 8 p.m.

Indianapolis native Skee Skinner is the director/writer/producer for One Way Productions, which produced "Vacant Lot."

## Indiana Historical Society Events

### Exhibits

Hoosier History Makers, interactive exhibit exploring lives of notable figures with ties to Indiana, through April 2001.

Gone But Not Forgotten, documentary style photographs of Indianapolis' Flanner House and surrounding neighborhood during the 1940s and 1950s, through Sept. 10.

Exhibit exploring ragtime, jazz and swing in Indiana, in Stardust Terrace. Music memorabilia and pictures from all eras in Cole Porter Room.

### Films

Short films related to Indiana

are shown every Tuesday and Thursday, noon and 4:45 p.m. Aug. 8 and 10. Back Home Again. Shows Indiana during the Great Depression using photos from a New Deal program.

### Kids/Families

Family Friday Programs: Fascinating stories related to Indiana with a fun follow-up activity. Perfect for pre-school children and families. No advance registration needed. First and third Fridays of each month, 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE.

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Indiana Historical Society, 450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis (317)

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Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Library closed Sunday.

Admission to the building is free.

Cafe at the Stardust Terrace hours: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Free guided tours are offered on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

Scheduled group tours are also available. Call (317) 232-1882 for information or reservations.

## PUSH addresses growing AIDS crisis among U.S. Blacks

### Special to The Recorder

CHICAGO — Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr. recently hosted a Town Hall Forum on the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the African-American community as part of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition's Annual Convention.

The primary topics addressed were the growing AIDS crisis facing Black communities and the international health issues surrounding the fight against AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa.

While African Americans make up 13 percent of the U.S. population, they account for nearly 50 percent of all AIDS cases. AIDS is the leading cause of death of African-American men between the age of 23 to 44 and the second leading cause of death in Black women in that same age group.

According to Jackson, this is due, in large part, to the denial of HIV/AIDS in the African-American community in the United States. "AIDS is a continuing plague upon our

communities, and prevention, testing, and treatment are all required if we want to bring under control," said Jackson.

Inadequate testing and prevention programs, combined with underutilized treatment programs, will result in African Americans accounting for 60 percent of all U.S. AIDS cases by 2005. "This is foremost a health issue, but its impact reaches all aspects of our lives," said Rev. Jackson.

In addition to Jackson, the panel included; Deborah Frazier-Howze, president and CEO, National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS; Dr. Halene Gayle, director of the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control; Dr. Louis Sullivan, president, Morehouse School of Medicine; Anita R. Estell, Esq., vice president, Van Scoyo Associates Inc.; Rae Lewis-Thornton, president, Rae Lewis-Thornton Inc.; Dr. Lisa Henry-Reed, Cooke County Hospital, and Dr. Cassandra

Newkirk, chair, National Alliance for Minority Correctional Health Care Providers.

In coming together to develop a "One Voice, one agenda" campaign, the panel has taken another step in promoting aggressive mobilization efforts around HIV/AIDS education and prevention, early identification, and the treatment and care of African-American individuals infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

According to Rev. Jackson, the forum has resulted in policymakers being further informed and influenced about the sparse resources available to Black communities. "Our national leaders and policymakers must step up and respond constructively to handle this crisis," said Jackson. "We cannot let AIDS continue to be the silent killer in our communities. There is no upside to ignorance ... to not know is not an asset."

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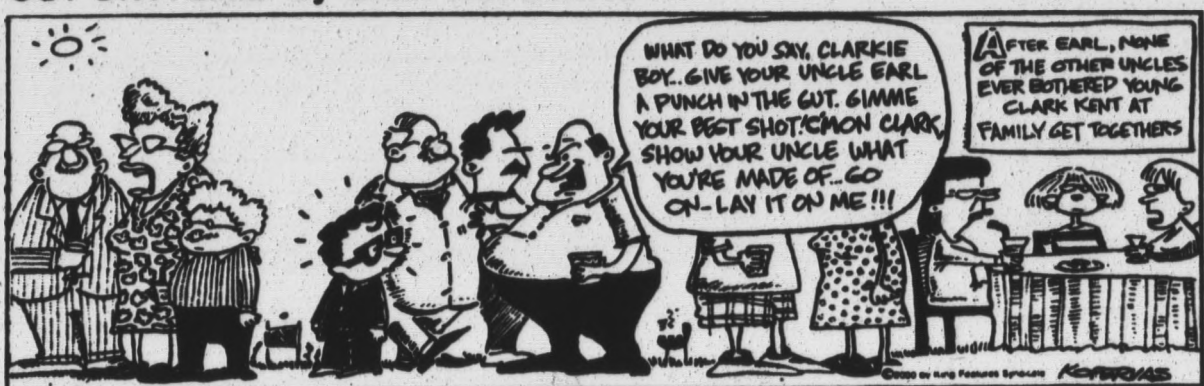
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# Johnny Gill says he's 'finishing up' new album

## THE SCOOP

"Put on yo' red dress, and yo' hi' heels an' some of that sweet perfume. It sho' smells good on you."

Ah yeah, y'all know the aforementioned lyrics sung by Johnny Gill had you open like your local Booker T. Washington High School in September. We were fortunate enough to run into the crooner at a recent event and it's a good thing too. If we were to get another e-mail asking what Johnny Gill has been up to, we might've done something rash like going out to purchase the Young MC box-set (yeah, it was getting that bad).

Prior to running into "JG," we heard he was signed to Platinum Records, but that deal dropped off like a lead parachute.

"I'm just finishing up the album right now," said Gill. "I actually have several (label) offers I'm entertaining right now. Basically,

(Platinum) didn't have the funds to continue doing projects. These things happen. So, we just had to move on."

His deep, gravel voice and passionate vocal stylings were responsible for more than a few intimate encounters, but one encounter that people keep asking us about is his relations with pop star Janet Jackson. Johnny told us that they are just ...

"Friends ... we're just friends," said an evasive sounding Gill. "I'm aware of the rumors. You know, I don't know what to say. We've been friends for many, many years. I don't know. All I know, to sum it up, we're just friends."

All right, all right! We get the point. No EUR ground breakers here, but that's all good. If you haven't heard from Gill in a while, you may have forgotten that the brother is very opinionated. When asked about how he felt about Ricky Bell's solo effort, Gill beamed with

pride when speaking of Bell. But then the crooner took the Black listening public to task for non-support of African-American artists of legendary standing.

"People might not agree with me when I say this, but Black people don't know how to support Black acts that have been around for a long time. It's so unfortunate," Gill said.

It is unfortunate indeed. While many critics feel Diana Ross doomed the Supremes' Tour, others follow the school of thought which Johnny Gill is alluding to: the majority of Black folks have short musical attention spans.

"Stevie Wonder has written just as many hit records as Elton John or Billy Joel. Stevie might get a night at the (6,000 seat) Universal Amphitheater (in LA). Elton and Billy would fill stadiums. It's all about support. With Black people, it's just what's hot now. We need to learn how to support our own.

You look at Diana Ross, they had to cancel her tour. Diana, to a degree, would be considered a Black Barbra Streisand. If Barbra were to go on tour today, the arena would be packed. It's unfortunate, but we don't really hold our artists up."

On the flip side of Johnny's argument there lies another angle needing to be explored. Some would argue that the Black concert-going populace is shaped by radio airplay. But Gill said, even with major radio play, our legends would get very little love.

## AOL and Time-Warner merger unfair

The lil' guys are rumbling over a multi-billion dollar deal. If you've ever played basketball, then you know what it's like when you pick a bomb squad. You got Hector, the fast kid, Jerome, the strong kid, Ray-Ray, the left-handed kid etc. Just when you're about to commence to whoopin' e'erybody,

someone from the other team says "Wait, that's not fair!" AOL and Time Warner are experiencing that right now.

Critics of their planned \$120 billion merger are crying foul. According to CNN, the complaints are coming from the likes of Disney-ABC and NBC. Both have filed petitions before the FCC. They are concerned that too much power will be concentrated in too few hands and threaten competitors' access to crucial Internet and cable TV networks.

## Smile, Oprah, you're going to trial!

Well, it would seem that Goliaths can get touched in court as well. Media big momma Oprah Winfrey, recently lost the first battle in a legal war which pits her against two freelance photographers who feel she unfairly used some of their pictures in a book. Judge Ruben Castillo ruled that the camera jocks

created the pictures themselves and therefore, hold the copyrights. A jury trial will determine whether Winfrey was wrong in using 11 photos shot by Stephen Green and Paul Natkin without their permission in her 1996 book "Make the Connection." The jury trial is set for Aug. 14.

## JB's got a brand new bag ... of money

James Brown is really getting the big payback after completing the sale of a \$30 million bond transaction backed by the future royalties from his library of hits. The deal gave him a \$30 million loan for up to 20 years, some of which he has used to set up a foundation for the underprivileged and to develop singing talent.

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available to play. He wasn't, but his father seized that opportunity to say something incredibly horrifying to my child.

"What did he say?" "He asked if he could have my balls." Joshua, standing there with only his bicycle, deduced that the man was referring to his testicles told him "No" and rode away.

I hugged my son and thanked him for telling me. I assured him that what happened was not his fault and apologized that he had to be exposed to such an animal.

I then turned to my girlfriends, frozen with astonishment, for their advice as to my course of action. With their support, I decided to pick up the phone and call this creep. I calmly explained to him that Joshua would not be coming after all and why.

He denied it of course. He had the nerve to ask to speak to Joshua for further clarification. I warned him to stay away from my family.

I later informed the property manager of the incident and warned every parent in the neighborhood. I never felt safe again and we eventually moved. Every now and then the chilling memory of that evening creeps up on me.

You know, I never did make it out with the girls that night. I'll have to catch up with them next time.

Please listen to your children.

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crashes, failed software installations and user error by taking their hard drives back to a time before the problem struck — five minutes, five hours, even five days ago. Best of all, you're not required to know what went wrong in order to get your PC running properly again, so it's ideal for students.

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# PANTRY

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and fish taste great with just a shake. It can be used alone or with your favorite fresh or dried herbs to create a unique flavor combination.

■ **Canned beans** come in a bouquet of colors and types, such as black, pink, red, white, Roman, fava and pinto; along with close relatives like pigeon peas, chick peas and hominy.

■ **Mojo Criollo** offers the classic tastes of the Caribbean in a bottle of tangy orange and lemon juices, accented with garlic and spices. Thinner than salsa, it's ideal as an instant marinade for barbecued chicken, pork or beef.

■ **Nectars**, made from the pulp of fruit, can be enjoyed chilled alone or as the base for refreshing drinks — the best reason ever for owning a blender.

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How do you prepare your business to absorb the enormous cost and regulatory burdens of health compliance in your workplace while doing the right thing for the health of your employees, and the health of your bottom line?

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce can offer a chance to answer the health questions facing business today. The chamber is presenting its Health Care Conference Aug. 8 at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis. The primary topics on the agenda are:

- The looming national health care crisis.
- Health care costs and trends.
- Insurance regulations in Indiana.
- Legislative update on the Patient's Bill of Rights.

- Evolution of ERISA.
- HIPAA - the new privacy and security requirements.
- Return to the work/privacy issues.

The Health Care Conference will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$245 for Indiana Chamber members and \$345 for non-members. Discounted accommodations are also available at the Hyatt.

In addition to the one day conference, the chamber is offering an online seminar series on employee benefits. These six seminars run to Aug. 22. For \$95, you may view the online presentation via the Internet from your desktop with no limit to the number of people you may allow to participate at your site.

The Health Care Conference and Employee Benefits Online Seminar Series are geared toward Indiana professionals dealing with employee insurance and health care issues. Continuing education credit is available.

Both events will be especially useful for human resources managers, staff, employee benefits administrators, insurance and financial managers, health care consultants, small business owners, and attorneys.

For more information and to register, contact Glen Harkness at (317) 264-6885 or e-mail [gharkness@indianachamber.com](mailto:gharkness@indianachamber.com).

## OUR TOWN

### Midtown Writer's creative writing workshop

Midtown Writer's Association conducts a bi-monthly creative writing workshop on the first and third Monday of each month at the Library Services Center, 2400 N. Meridian St. This workshop is free and open to the public. The next workshop will be Monday, Aug. 7 from 6-8 p.m. For more information call Midtown Writer's Association at (317) 926-1385.

### Last call for community gardening award nominations

The Scotts Co. is introducing the Scotts' "Give Back to Grow Awards" saluting gardeners who have made a significant contribution in their communities through gardening activities. The winners will receive \$5,000 cash and \$1,000 worth of products. Scotts honorable mention winners receive \$1,500 cash and \$500 worth of products.

The entry deadline is Aug. 7. Nomination forms may be obtained on-line: [www.scottscountry.com](http://www.scottscountry.com) or by e-mail at: [nominations@shandwick.com](mailto:nominations@shandwick.com) or by calling 1-800-551-5971.

### Safe Sense

Seniors, beware! Falls are the leading cause of injury for older adults. Don't let your home trip you up. Plan now to attend Safe Sense, an age-specific program tailored to address home safety issues for the older adult population.

Co-sponsored by the Ruth Lilly Health Education Center and the Marion County Health Department, Safe Sense is open to the public and targets the older adult or persons who care for older adults. Classes will be held at the Ruth Lilly Health Education Center featuring high tech wizardry, hand-on activities and expert instruction. The course will be held on Aug. 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 and 23 from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Learn how you can make your living space safer and free of haz-

ards. The cost is \$3 per person. To register, call (317) 221-2086.

### Second Helpings expands to reach more under and unemployed

Second Helping Inc., Big Brothers of Greater Indianapolis and Big Sisters of Central Indiana are joining forces in an effort to create a new referral base for Second Helping's 10 week, culinary training program. There is no cost to students who participate in the program. To date the program has trained and placed 31 individuals who are now working in the culinary field, earning from \$8.75 per hour. For more information contact Wayne Zink at (317) 955-9081.

### Summer Food Program

The Christamore House Multi-Service Center announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under, or persons more than 18 who are determined by a state or local public education agency to be mentally or physically disabled and who participate in a public or non-profit private school program established for the mentally or physically disabled. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. The Christamore House located at 502 N. Tremont will provide breakfast and lunch through Aug. 11, Monday through Friday. Breakfast will be from 8 to 9 a.m., and lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Tennessee Day homecoming

The Tennessee Day Reunion will be in Clarksville, where it began in 1978, from Aug. 4-6. Hotel accommodations will be at the Riverview Inn, 50 College St., in Clarksville, Tenn. A bus from Indianapolis will depart on Friday, Aug. 4. For more information call the Indianapolis Chapter at (317) 925-0627 or (317) 257-1174.

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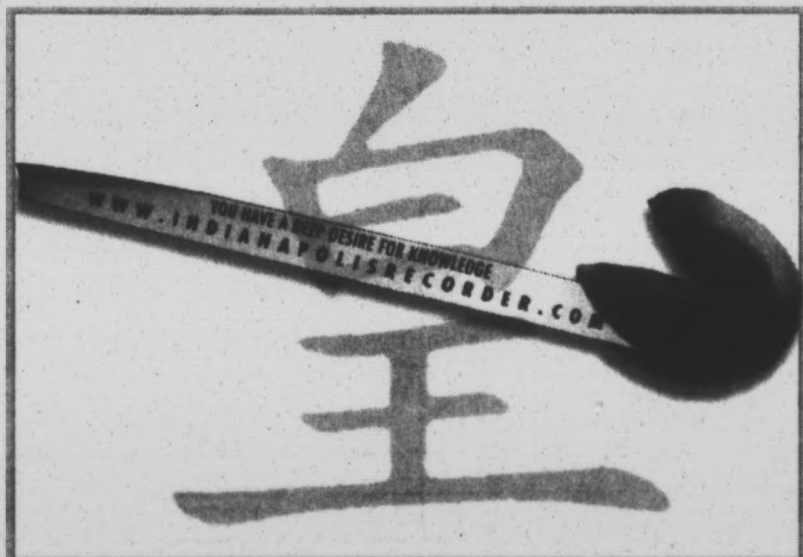
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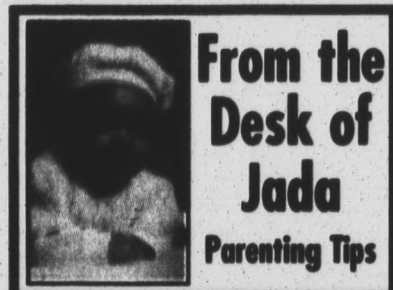
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# People & Trends



**From the Desk of Jada**  
Parenting Tips

## Selecting the right computer Special to The Recorder

MILPITAS, Calif. — In an age when multi-media projects are becoming as commonplace as book reports, gearing up for another school year often means gathering the right computer hardware and software.

Selecting the right computer for your student requires a thorough assessment of his or her needs, which can range from speed and performance to space and mobility. A home desktop model is often favored for elementary students, as they don't need maximum accessibility and are likely to be sharing the PC with other family members.

High school and college students, however, often benefit from the smaller size and portability of laptops, although they should be aware of the limitations laptops have regarding system upgrades and storage capacity.

There are several things to consider whether you're purchasing a desktop or laptop PC, including:

- **The speed of the processor.** Intel Celeron or Pentium III are the recommended choices. It is difficult to find - or get by on - less than a 400 MHz processor. You may want to consider buying up to 600 MHz to insure that your system is not obsolete by next year.

- **Memory.** To run most of today's applications you will need a minimum of 32 MB of RAM, but to run programs concurrently, it is best to have 64 to 128 MB available.

- **Hard disk space.** With today's monster hard drives, it's easy to get a computer with at least 4 GB, but don't settle for anything less, as the growing use of graphics files, MP3s and larger applications can still eat up this space quickly.

- **Expandability.** The ease and efficiency with which you can add peripherals to your system is an important consideration. Newer PCs have USB ports, rather than traditional SCSI connections, so if you have older peripherals you're interested in using with a new PC, you'll want to look into connectors such as Adaptec's USBXchange cable adapter.

These days, it's commonplace for computers to come preloaded with word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, Internet and/or e-mail software, but depending on your needs, one of the major office suites may still be a good investment.

In addition, no PC should be without the following software products:

- **Antivirus.** The explosion of the Internet has allowed viruses to move with lightning speed and strike with devastating effect. Popular product suites are available that contain a variety of utilities to protect your computer.

- **Data and System Recovery.** Even with the best antivirus software suites loaded, deadly strains can still break through and wreak havoc with your system and data files. Melissa, Worm.ExploreZip and ILOVEYOU are still unpleasant memories in many PC users' minds. In the event of an unwelcome disaster, you'll want Adaptec's GoBack software installed on your computer. GoBack allows users to recover immediately from virus attacks, system

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## Inspired Hostess Makes Entertaining Easy

### The Trick is Turning to a Well-Stocked Pantry and an Outdoor Grill

Entertaining ought to be such a natural part of life that it is simply expected. No fuss. No big event. No weeks of planning and days of preparation. Just families opening wide their arms and drawing in even surprise guests with good food, luscious beverages and hospitality. For guests, it should be like coming home.

And for home cooks, entertaining should be as easy as cooking for the family. A simple menu with a few new twists from the pantry makes dishes original and a celebration — and, best of all, outdoor grilling keeps you out of the kitchen. The recipes that follow are in this spirit. Each choice is so easy it can be prepared on the spur of the moment, but also so inspired guests will go home excited at their delicious new discoveries.

Black Bean and Mango Salad is much more interesting and nutritious than the usual side salads, such as potato or coleslaw, with great color and flavor too! This salad can be assembled in just a few minutes, cleverly using the microwave to create a warm, zesty Adobo and olive oil dressing. And, Adobo (a mix of seasonings that is incredibly versatile) combined with butter also transforms corn on the cob into a vegetable with personality. For a main course, guests will love the choice of pork chops — a growing favorite for American grills. These couldn't be easier. Straight from the bottle, Mojo Criollo marinade both flavors the chops with the fresh, tropical taste of citrus, and adds to their moist tenderness. If time allows, marinate overnight for enhanced flavor.

The Mango Smoothie that accompanies this summer menu offers pure pleasure — sweet, tropical, refreshing and frothy. Like good hospitality itself, it says relax, enjoy and welcome.

### Pantry Staples

Many of the ingredients in these summer dishes have their roots in Latin cooking. One of today's hottest cooking trends, it's loved by everyone because it combines familiar foods with ingredients that may be less familiar, but seem right at home on American plates. Like secret weapons for successful entertaining, these ingredients can be kept on hand and many are made available by Goya, America's largest Hispanic-owned food company. Founded in 1936, Goya distributes over 1,000 ingredients and tantalizing seasonings — packaged, canned or frozen for convenience.

These are a few that no pantry should be without:

- **Adobo,** a blend of garlic, oregano and other seasonings, is all you need to make beef, chicken



Grilled pork chops provide the centerpiece of an amazingly easy and original menu for entertaining even on the spur of the moment.

#### Black Bean and Mango Salad

1/4 cup Goya Olive Oil  
1/4 cup water  
2 tablespoons Goya Adobo All-Purpose Seasoning with Pepper  
2 cans (15.5 ounces each) Goya Black Beans, drained and rinsed  
2 tablespoons Goya Pimientos, diced  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro  
1 medium size, ripe mango, peeled and diced

1. In a small microwaveable bowl, combine oil, water and Adobo. Cover and microwave on high for 1 minute.
2. In a bowl, combine the beans, pimientos, cilantro and mango. Pour warmed oil mixture over beans and toss.

Serves 8  
Variations:  
■ Substitute other Goya beans for the black beans.  
■ Replace the mango with 2 cups diced peaches or pineapple.

#### Grilled Corn on the Cob

6 ears corn in husks\*  
1/4 cup butter, melted  
Goya Adobo All-Purpose Seasoning with Pepper

Prepare a medium-hot fire.

1. Peel back the corn husks carefully, without breaking them off. Remove the silk.
2. Brush the butter on corn and shake on Adobo. Fold the husks back around corn and wrap each ear in aluminum foil.
3. Place on grill and cook for about 15 to 20 minutes, turning occasionally.

Serves 6  
\*If you purchased corn without husks, prepare the same way and double wrap each ear in aluminum foil.

#### Grilled Pork Chops and Onions

6 (3/4 to 1 inch thick) pork chops, trimmed  
1 large onion, peeled and thickly sliced  
1 cup Goya Mojo Criollo plus more for basting

1. In a self-sealing bag,\* combine the chops, onion and 1 cup of Mojo. Seal and let marinate in refrigerator for as little as 15 minutes or up to overnight. The longer it marinates the more Mojo flavor.
2. Prepare a medium-hot fire in grill. Remove chops and onion from marinade, shaking off excess liquid. Discard marinade.
3. Place chops and onion on grill. Cook, turning occasionally and basting with additional Mojo for about 15 to 20 minutes. Chops are done when they are browned on both sides and reach 160 degrees F. The onion should be nicely browned.

Serves 6  
\*If you do not have a self-sealing bag, be sure to use a nonreactive container such as a glass or stainless steel baking dish to marinate your chops. Do not use aluminum.

#### Mango Smoothie

1 can (12 ounces) Goya Mango Nectar  
1/2 cup vanilla ice cream  
3 ice cubes

Combine all ingredients in blender container. Cover and blend on high until smooth.

Serves 2 or 3  
Variations:  
■ Use other flavors of Goya Nectars in place of mango to add variety.  
■ Substitute low fat ice cream or frozen yogurt for the ice cream.

## Report on Life

By Rachelle Jeanette Johnson

### Joshua in the lion's den

Every time I think about it, it sends chills up and down my spine. It was the day that I almost sent my child into a den with a lion.

My girlfriends had just blown into town. I was so happy to see the both of them, particularly Vanessa because I hadn't seen her in over a year. It was late in the evening, but I insisted that we all go out for a drink.

They were both game. Just one minor issue: I was the only one with a child with me. What to do with my 9-year-old son Joshua?

I know, I'll call a neighbor and see if he could visit with them for a couple of hours. I phoned the home of Joshua's neighborhood buddy. The boy's mother was working, so I spoke with his dad. He said that it was no problem and to bring him by. OK, everything is all set.

I thought Joshua would be delighted when I yelled upstairs to relay the information. He stormed down the stairs and announced: "I don't want to go over there. Can't I go with you?" "Now boy, you can't go with me. This is grown folks hanging out. I won't be gone long," I said. He was not satisfied with my response and frankly I did not care.

"I rarely get out of the house. This child is with me all the time. All I want to do is hang out with my girls for a couple of hours. What's so wrong with that?" I reasoned to myself.

He just sat there permanently fixed to the bottom step looking glum while holding his head up with his two hands, as if it was going to fall off. I tried hard to ignore him and continued my conversation with my friends while I was scrambling for my purse and jacket.

"So, girl tell me what have you been up to?" They chattered on about what was new. All the while, Joshua kept up his silent protest.

I finally turned to him to ask "Are you and your friend fighting or something?"

He shook his head no. "Well then, you guys should have a nice time during your visit," I shot back. "This boy is just trying to make his way out with me so that he can sit up and listen to grown folks' conversation," I reasoned to myself again. My girlfriends and I continued on.

Finally, I could not ignore his continued depressive state. To be honest, it was angering me because I felt as though he was being an ungrateful child not wanting to give me a couple of hours to myself.

"What's the matter with you boy?" I snapped.

"I don't want to go over there," he said again. "Why?" I managed to ask in a much calmer voice. "Because his father acts like a child molester."

Boy, did he have my attention at that point. My heart raced, my mouth became cotton dry, and I knew that I needed to sit down for what was to come next. I was thankful that my girlfriends were nearby because I would need someone to call the ambulance for me if I passed out.

"Why do you say that he acts like a child molester?" I could only whisper.

"Because of what he said to me," he answered. Joshua explained that once he rode his bike over to his friend's house to see if he was

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# Business

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## 'Despite recent losses, business climate is vibrant; more to be done,' mayor says

Special to The Recorder

Mayor Bart Peterson recently stood with corporate leaders of Indianapolis-based companies to say that despite recent losses of corporate entities, Indianapolis' business climate is still strong and poised to do even better.

Joining the mayor for the announcement were several corporate chief executives including: Larry Glasscock of Anthem Insurance, Tony George of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corp., Scott Jones of Escent, William Mays of Mays Chemical, Scott Webber of Volatus Technology Group, Tom Reilly of Reilly Industries, John Myrland, president of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and David Goodrich of the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership.

The mayor also consulted with executives at other Indianapolis-based companies, including Emmis Communications, Eli Lilly & Co., American United Life, and Simon Property Group.

"Indianapolis is a very competitive city with so much to offer a business," Mayor Peterson said, "and major national and international companies — such as Eli Lilly, Anthem, Simon, AUL and Mays Chemical — continue to thrive, succeed and grow here."

"These home-grown companies are ones that are growing, succeeding and acquiring — not the ones being acquired."

According to a recent study by Cognetics, a Massachusetts research firm, Indianapolis is one of the top spots for entrepreneurs, ranking fifth overall among the nation's top 50 metro areas — the only Northern city ranked in the top 10. Employment Review magazine recently named Indianapolis one of "America's Best Places to Live and Work." Last year, Indianapolis was rated by Entrepreneur Magazine as the number one city in the central region for entrepreneurial growth.

"But in the last several weeks we have seen outside companies purchase some of our largest and oldest corporate citizens, and the same scenario is playing out in communities across the country," he added. "Businesses are being bought, sold, consolidated and reorganized at a phenomenal rate."

"Those companies will be missed, but we must always look for new ways to enhance the business climate and focus all our resources to the fullest extent possible," said Michael Lawson, president of the Indianapolis Economic Development Corp. (IEDC). "We must continue to cultivate the top-flight companies that call Indianapolis home and engage new corporate citizens and aggressively grow Indianapolis business from within."

Mayor Peterson noted the city's economic development entities have dramatically retooled themselves already to prepare for the economy of the new millennium. For instance, the IEDC is changing its focus to reflect a regional, central Indiana economic development strategy instead of simply focusing



Mayor Bart Peterson

inside Marion County.

IEDC also brought in a new, experienced leader, Michael Lawson, the former president of the Economic Development Corp. of Utah, who has many economic development successes to his credit. Lawson, a nationally recognized leader in economic development, was a key player in the state of Utah's most successful economic development project — the establishment of Intel's 8,000-employee research and development facility.

In addition, the Indiana Technology Partnership, which used to focus solely on central Indiana, has expanded its involvement statewide to incorporate Indiana's outstanding research institutions such as Purdue University, Rose-Hulman and Indiana University.

The city will continue to take advantage of many recent state legislative changes, the mayor said, such as the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Research and Technology Fund, which leverages money for research and the development of high-tech companies in Indiana.

Last year, the state Legislature also passed a bill that will let mutual insurance companies, such as AUL, form holding companies that can finance their growth by selling stock.

"I have no doubt that Indianapolis can and will succeed in the new economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, but we can never rest on our laurels," the mayor added. "We must always look for ways to improve our business climate and strengthen the viability of companies in central Indiana."

To that end, Mayor Peterson asked the IEDC to examine what efforts can be made that are not already being undertaken by existing economic development entities — IEDC, Central Indiana Corporate Partnership (CICP) and the Indiana Technology Partnership and the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor asked the IEDC to work closely with the CICP, the Technology Partnership and other businesses and organizations to deliver the results to him and the City-County Council as soon as possible.

### Indianapolis Success Stories

National/international companies headquartered in the Circle City are:

**Eli Lilly & Co.:** One of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world, Lilly has major research and development facilities in nine countries and conducts clinical trials in more than 30. Its medicines reach markets in 179 nations worldwide. Current estimates reveal that Lilly employs more than 31,000 individuals across the globe, with nearly 19,000 employed in Indianapolis. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2000, sales increased 12 percent over the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Net income increased 10 percent to \$602 million.

**Simon Property Group:** Simon Property Group Inc. is the largest publicly traded retail real estate company in North America with a total market capitalization at June 30, of approximately \$17 billion. Simon Property Group, together with its affiliated management company, owns or manages approximately 190 million square feet of GLA in retail and mixed-use projects and attracts over 2 billion shopping visits annually to its properties.

**Guidant:** Guidant, a world leader in the design and development of cardiovascular medical products, was incorporated in 1994, and since has grown to \$2.4 billion in revenue and more than 8,000 employees. Corporate headquarters are in Indianapolis, with major operations in California, Minnesota, Texas, Washington, Puerto Rico and Ireland.

**Mays Chemical:** In just 19 years, Mays Chemical has emerged as one of the

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Edward Lewis, chairman and CEO of Essence Communications.

## Edward Lewis elected to A&P's board of directors

Edward Lewis, the cofounder and publisher of ESSENCE magazine, and chairman and CEO of Essence Communications Inc. (ECI), has been elected to the board of directors of A&P, the food store giant.

Since founding the company 30 years ago, Lewis has led its diversification and expansion into television production, licensing, direct mail marketing, and award winning weekly syndicated television program and a prime-time network special, The Essence Awards, now in its 13th year. The company also publishes Latina magazine, the first bilingual lifestyle magazine to exclusively address the interests of Hispanic women in the United States.

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. (A&P) operates combination food and drug stores, conventional supermarkets and limited assortment food stores in 16 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and Ontario, Canada. The company operates 750 stores and serves 65 franchised stores as of fiscal year ended February 2000.

Lewis is chairman of TransAfrica Forum and a trustee of Tuskegee University. He sits on the board of the New York City Partnership, the Times Square Business Improvement District, the Jazz Committee of the board of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Girls Inc. and the Central Park Conservancy.

## Urban Chamber of Commerce is first Black organization to host conference on gaming



Planning committee members from left to right are: James Graham, Jerry Lindsay, Jon Astor-White, Fred Gay, O.J. Webb, Sharon Smith, Kevin Patton, Mary Dunn Smith, Robert Bell, Hannah Brown, Calvin Padgett, Edgar Taylor and E. Louis Overstreet, who was the conference chairman.

A historic first was achieved by the Urban Chamber of Commerce in Las Vegas last month. The chamber was the first African-American organization to host a conference on gaming.

The theme of the conference was Gaming Venues in the New Millennium, "Societal Impact of Money, Politics, Technology and Locale." The event was held at the MGM Grand Hotel.

The conference town hall meeting and workshops focused on a variety of local, national and international issues important to Blacks and others. A number of elected officials addressed the gathering including Sen. Harry Reid and Congresswoman Shelley Berkley of Nevada, as well as Congressman Bennie Thompson of Mississippi and James Clyburn of South Carolina, both members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Mayor Johnny Ford also gave a rousing speech.

A number of other business and organizational leaders were in attendance including Joe Davis, part owner of the

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## Blackonomics\$

### The Stockholm Syndrome at work

By JAMES CLINGMAN

We learned in our history classes that during World War II many prisoners of war were infected with Stockholm Syndrome — they identified and took on the characteristics of their captors. Of course it was not the first time in history that phenomenon occurred. The same kind of thing happened during slavery, when some of the slaves were put in charge of other slaves — to watch them and report on them to the slave master. There were even more examples of this during other wars and conflicts.

What does this have to do with economic empowerment of Black people? Well, today the same syndrome exists in our people. Many of us have seen it up close and personal — including myself. The problem in Y2K is that Black people are not slaves, yet we conduct ourselves as though we are, especially when it comes to economics. Some of our people have taken on the characteristics of slave masters and continue to watch over their master's spoils, while others of us stand by, watch it happen, and say (and do) nothing.

The syndrome reminds me the George Orwell classic novel *Animal Farm*. It described a situation on a farm where all of the animals complained about how they were being treated by the farmer. The animals took control of the farm

from the farmer and the pigs, who were perceived as the smartest, began to take over.

After the pigs had been in charge for while, they began to take on the same characteristics as the farmer about whom they had complained. Then the other animals began to complain about the pigs because the pigs thought they were entitled to more privileges, more food, more liberties, and such.

Black people, unfortunately, suffer from this kind of activity today. Certain Blacks think of themselves as privileged — not when compared to white people but when compared to their own brothers and sisters. They perceive themselves as "better," smarter, and on a higher level than their less-fortunate brothers and sisters, which plays right into the hands of their oppressor.

In my hometown, we have a quiet and informal system that keeps Black people "in their places" and perpetuates a dearth of economic empowering projects in so-called Black communities. Whenever there is an appointment to be made, the same Black persons get the call. Whenever an opinion is needed for the media, the same Black persons get quoted. Whenever the establishment decides to share some of its wealth by giving out contracts, you guessed it — the same small cadre of Black companies get the deal.

The worst part about this kind of control by whites and acquiescence by Blacks, who incidentally make up nearly 50 percent of the population of Cincinnati, is the fact that whenever Black people get a foothold and begin to build a foundation for economic empowerment, it is destroyed. Sadly, our organizations and institutions are destroyed from within by Black people — some of whom are sent by white people, in many cases. As disturbing as it sounds, we are our own worst enemy when it comes to economic empowerment. We are living examples of both Stockholm Syndrome and *Animal Farm*.

Some of our brothers and sisters are so entrenched in their own individual "perceived power" (I say perceived because it is not really power) that they are willing to keep their own people down — sometimes by walking on them — just to please the establishment and soothe their own egos. That is sad.

What does this say about us as a people? It says first of all that we still have a long way to go to get our true economic freedom. It says that some of us have opted for economic enslavement rather than economic empowerment. It says that some of our brothers and sisters are willing to sell their souls for a few dollars or for a board appointment or for a political position.

For me it says that those of us

who are ready and willing to move in concert and make the sacrifices necessary for economic empowerment must move ahead and leave behind the slaves who want to stay on the plantation. I am not saying we should forget about them, but we must move on and build our own economy. Some of them will get on board later — others will never come along.

We will probably always suffer from the Stockholm Syndrome and be victims of those "Black pigs" who think they are privileged and work to suppress the rest of us, thus achieving the very same goals of the farmer. But we must find like-minded brothers and sisters and move with them, because it never takes the entire group to accomplish a goal. It's the "80-20 Rule" — you've heard of it.

So if you are suffering from the Stockholm Syndrome, please get some help. If you are a privileged pig on *Animal Farm*, please understand that you still have to march to the tune of the farmer. The rest of us, who know who we are and are willing to do what we must for our futures, let's work together in support of one another. Let's pool our resources and build our own institutions and businesses, and let's take control of our communities.

If we are prisoners, the bars are only in our minds. If we are farm animals, our containment is merely psychological.



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Care, an initiative to improve health,  
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Weeks Realty Corp., with its head-  
quarters in Indianapolis, is one of the  
largest commercial and industrial real  
estate companies in the United States  
with a total market capitalization ex-  
ceeding \$5.5 billion. Duke-Weeks pro-  
vides a full range of services including  
site selection, leasing, property and  
asset management, acquisitions, de-  
velopment, financing, construction,  
marketing and other tenant-related ser-  
vices.**Anthem:** One of the largest health  
care management companies in the  
United States, Anthem had revenue of  
\$6.3 billion, assets of \$5 billion and a  
surplus of \$1.7 billion. Anthem is based  
in Indianapolis and is the Blue Cross  
and Blue Shield licensee for Indiana,  
Kentucky, Ohio and Connecticut. It  
has recently acquired operations in New  
Hampshire, Colorado, Nevada and,  
most recently, completed the acquisi-  
tion of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of  
Maine. They currently have more than  
6.9 million members across eight states.**Emmis Communications:** Emmis  
Communications is an Indianapolis-  
based media firm with radio broadcast-  
ing, television broadcasting and maga-  
zine publishing operations. Emmis' 13  
FM and two AM radio stations serve  
the nation's largest markets of New  
York, Los Angeles and Chicago as  
well as St. Louis, Indianapolis and  
Terre Haute. The company also owns  
two radio networks, three international  
radio stations, seven television stations,  
award-winning regional and specialty  
magazines and ancillary businesses in  
broadcast sales and publishing.**Escient:** A leading force in the de-  
velopment of products that merge  
Internet power with home entertain-  
ment devices, Escient was named the  
fourth fastest growing private com-  
pany in Indianapolis in the May 17,  
1999, issue of the Indianapolis Busi-  
ness Journal. Each year the IBJ names  
Indiana's top 50 public companies and  
top 50 private companies. In its first  
year of inclusion, Escient ranked fourth  
in the list of private companies, accord-  
ing to percentage of revenue growth  
from 1996 to 1998. The company has  
seen its revenue grow 481 percent and  
its employee ranks surge from 24 to 62.  
Escient also raised more than \$14 mil-  
lion in a recent Private Placement Of-  
fering and has completed 10 recent  
acquisitions.**American United Life:** AUL and  
its predecessors have been in business  
since 1877. A mutual company with  
headquarters in Indianapolis, the com-  
pany offers life insurance and annu-  
ities, group life and disability insur-  
ance, pension products and reinsur-  
ance services. In 1999, AUL saw new  
life insurance sales of \$48.9 billion, a  
22.5 percent increase, with total life  
insurance in force of \$167.2 billion, a  
25.6 percent increase. AUL's assets  
total \$10.6 billion.**Indianapolis Motor Speedway:**  
The rich racing heritage of the In-  
dianapolis Motor Speedway is known  
worldwide. To accommodate the re-  
cent addition of Formula One, a mas-  
sive, multimillion-dollar construction  
project has been undertaken, with the  
centerpieces being a new, 153-foot  
Pagoda control tower and a 2.606-mile  
road course that incorporates the main  
straightaway and Turn 1 of the legendar-  
y oval track. Other improvements  
include 36 pit-side garages for Formula  
One teams with 12 elaborate suites  
atop them and a four-story Media Cen-  
ter with state-of-the-art facilities for  
worldwide journalists and photogra-  
phers.**Volatus Technology Group:** New  
to the Indianapolis community, Volatus  
Technology Group is creating a com-  
munity of business-to-business Internet  
companies. Through acquisition, the  
creation of support companies and joint  
ventures, Volatus offers turn-key busi-  
ness development solutions and sup-  
port to a wide range of Internet com-  
panies, whether entrepreneurial start-ups  
or existing business spin-offs.**Anheuser-Busch Clydesdale  
Ceramic Hitch**Wayman F. Smith III, (center) vice president of corporate  
affairs, Anheuser-Busch Co., the world's largest brewery,  
surprised the national NAACP leadership at the annual NAACP  
exhibition bash held recently during the 91st NAACP  
Convention in Baltimore. Surrounded by more than 500 VIPs at  
the Hyatt Regency Hotel which included national NAACP board  
members, political and civic dignitaries, Smith unveiled and  
presented two replicas of the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdale  
Ceramic Hitch to Kweisi Mfume (left) president/CEO national  
NAACP and (right) NAACP Chairman Julian Bond. (Photo/Paul  
A. Greene)**WORLD**

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**MGM Hotel in Detroit:** Eileen  
Petersen, chair of the Virgin  
Islands Gaming Control Com-  
mission; and Rick Hill, chair-  
man of the National Indian  
Gaming AssociationLouie Overstreet, conference  
chairman said, "the purpose of  
the conference was to familiar-  
ize African Americans with is-  
sues and opportunities associ-  
ated with the gaming industry."  
O.J. Webb, media chair for the  
conference and founder of  
Blacks In Gaming (B.I.G.)  
noted that "we were able to  
demonstrate to the gaming in-  
dustry our national and inter-  
national networking capabili-  
ty."Several future courses of ac-  
tion and initiatives came out of  
the conference including: The  
Congressional Black Caucuswill hold hearings on the gam-  
ing industry in September dur-  
ing its 30th Annual Legislative  
Weekend in DC; the World  
Conference of Mayors (WCM)  
and the Urban Chamber of  
Commerce will co-host a con-  
ference in Las Vegas in July,  
2001; and B.I.G. and the WCM  
signed a covenant which will  
allow B.I.G. to speak in behalf  
of WCM on matters relating to  
gaming. Also, B.I.G. will pur-  
sue an alliance between may-  
ors of cities and chairpersons  
of tribal nations to share exper-  
tise and to become a more ef-  
fective political force.Also, Mayor Johnny Ford is  
extending an invitation to have  
persons interested in gaming to  
join the WCM in Biloxi, Miss.,  
between Aug. 9-12. Call (334)  
727-4035 for more information  
about the conference.**Start planning for a  
comfortable retirement****Special to The Recorder**In a recent Gallup poll of 30-  
49 year olds, 60 percent said  
they don't earn enough to save  
for retirement. 74 percent  
worry about not having enough  
money to live comfortably in  
retirement, 81 percent agree  
with the statement, "There al-  
ways seems to be something  
else to spend money on rather  
than saving it for the future."Are you looking forward to  
the day you retire or do you  
worry about not having enough  
money to ever retire? "The big-  
gest question," says Rebecca  
Haynes, extension educator-  
family resource management  
with Purdue Extension Marion  
County, "is when the time  
comes to stop working, will you  
have enough income to con-  
tinue the lifestyle you had be-  
fore retirement?""That depends on the  
lifestyle you want to maintain  
and the types of income you  
will have," says Haynes.As you plan, keep in mind  
that the average American life  
expectancy is 72 years for men  
and 79 years for women. The  
"average" person who retires  
at age 65 looks forward to an-  
other seven to 14 years of lifeor more. It is never too early to  
begin planning how you want  
to spend those years.  
Learn what facts you need to  
look at to create a realistic plan  
that will enable you to have a  
comfortable retirement. Purdue  
Extension-Marion County is of-  
fering "Comfortable Retirement:  
Fantasy or Reality?"—a  
retirement planning program on  
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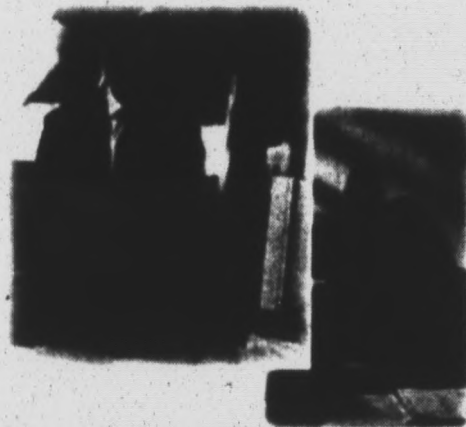
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To everything there is a season, a time to every purpose under the heavens: A time to be born, and a time to die.  
Ecclesiastes 3:2  
May God add a blessing to each of you.  
Husband:  
Charles Mosley and Family

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF



**MATTIE LOU BIGGERS**  
who passed August 1, 1981.  
Today brings memories of our loved one gone to rest.  
She will never be forgotten by the ones who loved her best.  
Sadly missed by:  
Son:  
Dave Simmons, Jr.  
Daughter:  
Cordelia Woods

### ADOPTION

Shatree M. Flowers, Atty.  
STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:  
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION

NOTICE TO UNNAMED FATHER

CAUSE NO.

49D08-0007-AD-720

The unnamed putative father of the child, **Mercedes Elizabeth Garrett**, born to **Angela Garrett** on July 5, 1995, or the person who claims to be the father of the child born to **Mercedes Elizabeth Garrett** on July 5, 1995, is hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption of the child was filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division, 17th Floor City County Building, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

If the unnamed putative father seeks to contest the adoption of the child, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with 31-19-10-1 in the above named court, or a paternity action under IC 31-14 not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

If the unnamed father (1) does not file: (A) a motion to contest the adoption; or (B) a paternity action under IC 31-14 with thirty (30) days after service of this notice; or (2) after filing a paternity action under IC 31-14 fails to establish paternity; the above named court shall hear and determine the petition for adoption. The unnamed father's consent is irrevocably implied and you will lose your right to contest the adoption or the validity of your implied consent to the adoption.

Nothing **Angela Garrett** or anyone else says to **unnamed putative father** relieves **unnamed putative father** of his obligations under this notice.

Under Indiana law, a putative father is a person who is named as or claims that he may be the father of a child born out of wedlock but who has not yet been legally proven to be the child's father.

Sarah M. Taylor,  
Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County,  
Probate Division

7/28/00 3TP

Steven R. Hall, Atty.  
STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:  
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Adoption of:

Infant Female Hall

NOTICE TO UNNAMED FATHER

CAUSE NO.

49D08-0007-AD-711

The unnamed putative father of the child born to **Angel Marie Hall** on July 1, 2000, or the person who claims to be the father of the child born to **Angel Marie Hall** on July 1, 2000, is notified that a Petition for Adoption of the child was filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division, 17th Floor City County Building, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

If the unnamed putative father seeks to contest the adoption of the child, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with 31-19-10-1 in the above named court, or a paternity action under IC 31-14 not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

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Nothing **Angel Marie Hall** or anyone else says to **unnamed putative father** relieves **unnamed putative father** of his obligations under this notice.

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Sarah M. Taylor,  
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### IN LOVING MEMORY OF



**JACQUELINE SUE FINCH**  
who passed July 29, 1995.  
Sleep on Dear Jackie  
And take your rest,  
They miss you most  
Who loved you best.  
Sadly missed:  
Mother:  
Cecil Finch Dullen  
Step Father:  
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Sons: Van Adams  
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**MRS. GRACE M. MATTHEWS**  
who departed this earth August 5, 1999.  
It's been a year since you left us:  
But every day you live on in our minds and in our hearts.  
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Daughter & Son:  
Marcella J. Taylor,  
Glen A. Collins & Families

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### ADOPTION

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James W. Cunningham, Atty.  
STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:  
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION

NOTICE TO NAMED FATHER

CAUSE NO.

49D08-0005-AD-546

**Frank Randal**, who has been named the father of the child born to **Tamika Brownlow**, on June 5, 1999, or who claims to be the father of the child born to **Tamika Brownlow**, on June 5, 1999, is notified that a Petition for Adoption has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division, City-County Building, Room 1721, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

If **Frank Randal** seeks to contest the adoption of the child, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with 31-19-10-1 in the above named court, or a paternity action under IC 31-14 not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

If **Frank Randal** (1) does not file: (A) a motion to contest the adoption; or (B) a paternity action under IC 31-14 with thirty (30) days after service of this notice; or (2) after filing a paternity action under IC 31-14 fails to establish paternity within a reasonable period as determined by the paternity court under IC 31-14-21-9 through IC 31-14-21-11; then the above named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. His consent will be irrevocably implied and he will lose his right to contest the adoption, will lose his right to contest either the adoption or the validity of his implied consent to the adoption. He will lose his right to establish his paternity of the child under IC 31-14.

Nothing **Tamika Brownlow** or anyone else says to **Frank Randal** relieves **Frank Randal** of his obligations under this notice.

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### ADOPTION

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James W. Cunningham, Atty.  
STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:  
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Adoption of:

Bradley Allen Haynes

Infant Male

NOTICE TO UNNAMED FATHER

CAUSE NO.

49D08-0005-AD-542

The unnamed father of the child born to **Jackie Sue Haynes** on the 25th day of December, 1999, is notified that on May 23, 2000, **Donald Lee Archibald** and **Audie Jean Archibald** filed a Petition for Adoption of the child was in the Office of the Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division in the State of Indiana. On July 14, 2000, **James Cunningham** filed a praecipe for summons along with a supporting affidavit showing that diligent search has been made and that the natural father of the male infant **Bradley Allen Haynes**, **audie Daniel Allen Haynes** cannot be found.

If the unnamed father wishes to contest the adoption in accordance with I.C. 31-31-6.3 in the above named court within thirty (30) days after service of this notice. If the unnamed father does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, the above named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. The unnamed father's consent is irrevocably implied and you will lose your right to contest the adoption or the validity of your implied consent to the adoption. The unnamed father loses the right to establish paternity of the child pursuant to I.C. 31-6-1 and the petition will be heard and determined by the Court in your absence.

Nothing **Jackie Sue Haynes** or anyone else says to **Frank Randal** relieves **Frank Randal** of his obligations under this notice.

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### DISS OF MARRIAGE

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Patrick E. Chavis, Atty.  
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:  
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL DIVISION

Lee Michelle Williams,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Donald Lee Williams,

Defendant.

CAUSE NO.

49D072-0002-DR-253

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **Donald Lee Williams, 2008 West Street, Columbus, GA 31909** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Justin J. Thomas.**

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 11th day of September, 2000, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Nothing **Justin J. Thomas** or anyone else says to **Justin J. Thomas** relieves **Justin J. Thomas** of his obligations under this notice.

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Send cover letter, resume, and salary history by August 18, 2000 to: Finance Department, Central Indiana Community Foundation, 615 North Alabama Street, Room 119, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Applicants will NOT be considered unless salary history is included. No phone calls please. ECE

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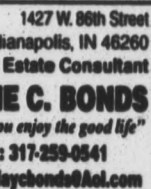
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